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AID TO RUSSIA ALREADY GIVEN

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—"Considerable progress" has been made in providing Russia with economic assistance.

The Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. Hugh Dalton, told the House of Commons that substantial shipments had already been made, including rubber, tin, wool, lead, jute and shellac and notwithstanding the difficulties of transport, Britain was doing her best to meet the Russian requests in full.

GERMANS LOSE 3 SHIPS

Destroyer & Trawler:
Cruiser Damaged

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—A German destroyer, an armoured trawler and another vessel were sunk by the Royal Navy off Murmansk. The German light cruiser Broms was damaged and is believed to have been sunk. There were no British casualties.

*Built at Wilhelmshaven in 1931 as a gunnery training ship, the Broms is a 1,400-ton light cruiser with a length of 339 feet. She normally carries a complement of 192 men. Her peacetime equipment is four 5-inch guns and two 20-mm A.A. guns. She is an oil burner capable of 27 knots.

Italian Schooner Torpedoed. LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—"A large Italian schooner has been torpedoed and sunk by one of our submarines in the Central Mediterranean," states an Admiralty communiqué.

"Off the harbour of Benghazi, another submarine engaged two self-propelled supply lighters by gunfire. Both were hit and damaged and one may have been sunk."

Communique. LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—"The Admiralty communiqué says: 'Light TURN to Back Page, Column 5'

President's Mother Laid To Rest

'Simple Ceremony'

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HYDE PARK, Sept. 9 (UP).—Mrs Sara Delano Roosevelt was buried to-day in the cemetery of St James Episcopal church beside her husband, James.

The President, surrounded by members of his family and several intimate friends among the retainers of the Hyde Park estate, participated in the simple ceremony which started in mid-afternoon in the spacious library. Only the President, the First Lady, their sons James, Elliott and John and their wives, Mrs Franklin Roosevelt Junior, the President's aunt and uncle and a few employees of the 1,200-acre estate were present.

Eight voices formed a choir which sang a hymn selected by the President because it was his mother's favourite and then with a final plea to the "God of Peace," the rite concluded. The rite, then, eight workers—some of whom have served the President for more than two score years—lifted the mahogany casket and carried it to the waiting hearse.

SMASHING SUCCESSES CLAIMED BY RUSSIANS IN COUNTER-ATTACKS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 9 (UP).—SMASHING SUCCESSES BY THE LATEST RUSSIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS ARE CLAIMED IN MOSCOW. IT IS DECLARED THAT IN THE SMOLENSK AREA THE RED ARMY WHICH TOOK THE OFFENSIVE 27 DAYS AGO AND ADVANCED STEADILY UNTIL A FINAL ATTACK ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 5, WHEN THEY VIRTUALLY ENCIRCLED THE GERMAN ARMY.

ON THE PRECEDING DAY, RUSSIAN PLANES BOMBED ENEMY AIRPORTS AND DESTROYED 85 GERMAN PLANES.

After smashing the better part of the eight opposing divisions who lost 70 per cent. of their effectives, the retreating remnants were annihilated by Russian artillery which covered the Nazis on both sides.

One correspondent reports, "Our glorious troops are continuing their pursuit of the retreating enemy, not giving him a minute's rest or respite."

RUSSIAN WAR SUMMARY 26-Day Offensive By Soviets

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 9 (UP).—Authoritative British circles asserted to-day that Russia had mobilised between ten and fifteen million men, and had inflicted within three months greater casualties on the Germans than the latter suffered in any one year of the World War.

The battle for Leningrad had become intensified with furious fighting. Berlin claimed to be confident that the Nazis would occupy Leningrad and Odessa "before the October snowfall." Concurrently, according to British reports, the Germans had brought 800,000 fresh troops from the occupied areas in Europe and from Germany against the 100-mile long Russian lines from the Gulf of Finland to Lake Ladoga, defending Leningrad.

Biggest Soviet Offensive. General Timoshenko's central front successes claimed by Moscow climaxed a 26-day persistent counter-attack—the largest Russian offensive since the start of the war.

Reference books show that the German casualties throughout the World War totalled 7,142,000 men, averaging 1,785,000 per annum. Of these casualties 1,775,000 were killed, namely about 443,200 annually.

Recaptured By Soviet (WAR COMMENTARY BY "ANALYST")

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—"Our troops have occupied the town of Yelnya." This is only the second occasion since fighting began, on the eastern front, that the Russians have named a town recaptured from the TURN to Back Page, Column 5

The Smolensk correspondent of the "Pravda" wired this morning that the Red Army advancing at the rate of eight miles a day for the past two days broke through the maze of German fortifications, attacking frontally and on both flanks, and are now pursuing the Germans, being within 11 miles of Yelnya. The Wehrmacht have fortified the regions with heavily built permanent blockhouses and an elaborate system of trenches and entanglements which it was planned to use in the offensive against Moscow.

Flee In Disorder. The correspondent added that the enemy, fleeing in disorder left thousands of unburied soldiers. The Soviets captured at least 102 guns, 200 machine-guns and 100,000 shells. The "Red Star" reported a Soviet counter-attack in the Gorkodopol region, as the Nazis were crossing the River Neirek, a tributary of the Dnieper, 75 miles northwest of Kiev. Hammered by tanks and aircraft destroyed hundreds of motor cars, tanks, mobile staff headquarters and large munition dumps.

The Russians also sank several ferries carrying infantry and artillery and prevented the Germans from crossing the river. The paper added that the tanks were strewn with thousands of enemy dead.

Russian Communiqué. MOSCOW, Sept. 9 (UP).—"Tonight's communiqué states that fighting continued along the entire front. The Red army and Black Sea Marines defending Odessa during the past ten days inflicted 20,000 casualties on the Rumanians and captured considerable booty."

Latest Berlin Claim. BERLIN, Sept. 9 (UP).—Competent German military quarters states that German troops have completely cut off Leningrad from Lake Ladoga and that it can be assumed that the German troops have contacted the Finnish troops on the Karelian Isthmus.

These claims mean that the only remaining route of communication for Leningrad by land or sea is the Gulf of Finland which, it is recalled, according to German competitors has been heavily mined.

Mr Churchill Sums Up The Progress of the War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 9 (UP).—In one of the most optimistic speeches he has ever had the opportunity to make as Premier, Mr Winston Churchill in the House of Commons to-day sketched in rough outlines Britain's steadily improving war position and the plans to turn the Moscow-London-Washington triangle into a tempered spearhead against Berlin.

Lord Moyne's Tribute To Soviet Resistance

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords Lord Moyne made a statement similar to that of Mr Churchill.

Referring to Russia he said: "Little was known in peacetime about the war machine of Soviet Russia but all the world must now be amazed at their resolution in defence and determination in counter-attack which show not only brilliant leadership in control of such vast armies but unsurpassed military qualities of the Russian people (Cheers)."

Iraqi Army Retaining Its Arms Commons Query

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—The War Secretary, Captain David Margesson, announced in the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question that under the Armistice terms the Iraqi Army was permitted to retain its arms and equipment.

The Independent Member, Colonel J. C. Wedgwood, asked whether this was "not carrying appeasement to a ridiculous extent."

Captain Margesson replied that that was not the view taken by those responsible, otherwise this condition would not have been inserted in the Armistice terms.

The Labour Member, Mr Emmanuel Shinwell, asked whether precautions have been taken so that Iraqi arms would not be used against us. Captain Margesson replied: "Yes."

AMERICAN SUPPLY SHIP SUNK OFF ICELAND

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (UP).—The State Department has been informed that the Panamanian steamer Sessa, operated by the United States, was torpedoed and sunk on August 17 off Iceland. Twenty-four persons, including an American lost their lives. Three survivors were picked up on September 6.

The Sessa was a former Danish vessel which was taken over by the Maritime Commission and operated by a New York firm in transporting supplies to Iceland. The State Department announced that the vessel carried foodstuffs, cereal, lumber and other general cargo owned by the Government of Iceland. No arms, ammunition or war implements were carried.

His optimism was sober and the speech lacked most of his usual verbal fireworks. But it was based on hard facts, such as the progress in the Battle of the Atlantic, the stubborn Russian resistance and the expanding striking power of the Empire's Middle East forces.

Eschew Rosy Dreams. The Prime Minister cautioned against rosy dreams for the future and pounded emphatically throughout the speech of the need for more effort, and more sacrifices here and in America to enable the Allies to finally attack throughout the vast arch-like front running from the Arctic almost to the equator.

He particularly emphasised the urgency for aiding Russia with every weapon and every pound of raw material that the democracies can spare saying that the collapse of Russia would cancel out every favourable factor in his tally sheet and make the whole war situation precarious in the extreme.

Astonishing Statement. Mr Churchill's astonishing statement that Britain during the past two months had accounted for three times the Axis shipping as the German submarines and Fockewulfs could sink in part of the Battle of the Atlantic was the most favourable light since France collapsed and Hitler had based his undersea fleet from Bergen to Bordeaux.

At the same time, he was forced to point out to Britain that the United States neutrality patrol was largely responsible for the drop in North Atlantic sinkings and that the Battle may be intensified on the United States side of the Atlantic the moment the necessity of halting American shipments outweighs the desire to avoid provoking the United States.

As a result of the favourable turn in the high seas warfare, Britain will probably import in 1941 an even greater tonnage of weapons, raw materials and foodstuffs than was thought possible when the year began. The announcement is of tremendous importance considering the TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Second Donation To Bomber Fund

A cheque for \$500 has been received from Messrs. Utomal and Asudamal Company, representing the firm's second donation to the Bomber Fund. In a letter accompanying the gift, the donors promise to contribute \$100 per month "as long as the Fund exists."

Attlee Assures All Aid To Russia

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—Mr Clement Attlee Lord Privy Seal, replying to the debate, said in reference to criticisms of the Atlantic Charter that a general statement made by the heads of two great states could not be expected to "contain more than general principles." It was impossible to elaborate at present a detailed programme for the future of the world.

When Mr Attlee said: "This government and this country are resolved to do their utmost to assist our allies..." Mr Gallagher (communist, West Fife) asked: "All the Government—every member of the Government?" Mr Attlee replied: "Certainly every member of Government."

Stupid Gesture. Mr Attlee said that what could be done in respect of assistance would be done "but there was nothing more stupid than to make a futile and disastrous gesture for fear someone would think they were not doing their best."

He added, "We shall give all we can to Russia but remember it has got to come out of our production which is not yet adequate for our needs. We are prepared to make sacrifices, we are prepared to increase that production, but I think you want a little word of warning to remember always the time lag in these things."

LATEST

Governor Due At 11.30

It is officially announced that the Governor-Designate, H.E. Sir Mark Young, K.C.M.G., will land at Queen's Pier at 11.30 this morning, and the swearing-in ceremony will take place at 12.15 p.m. at the King's Theatre.

See Back Page For Further Late News

U.S. NEW ENVOY TO THAILAND

SINGAPORE, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—The new American Minister to Thailand, Mr Willis R. Peck, arrived in the same clipper here to-day as Mr A. Duff Cooper, the British Minister.

Mr Peck and Mr Duff Cooper travelled all the way from the United States together and took the opportunity to have a number of frank talks which both state will probably be very useful in future.

Mr Campbell Out Of Danger

Mr J. C. Campbell, of the Public Works Department who was taken to the Kowloon Hospital on Sunday suffering from the effects of poisoning, was stated this morning to be out of danger.

Mr Duff Cooper Senses Lessening Of Tension

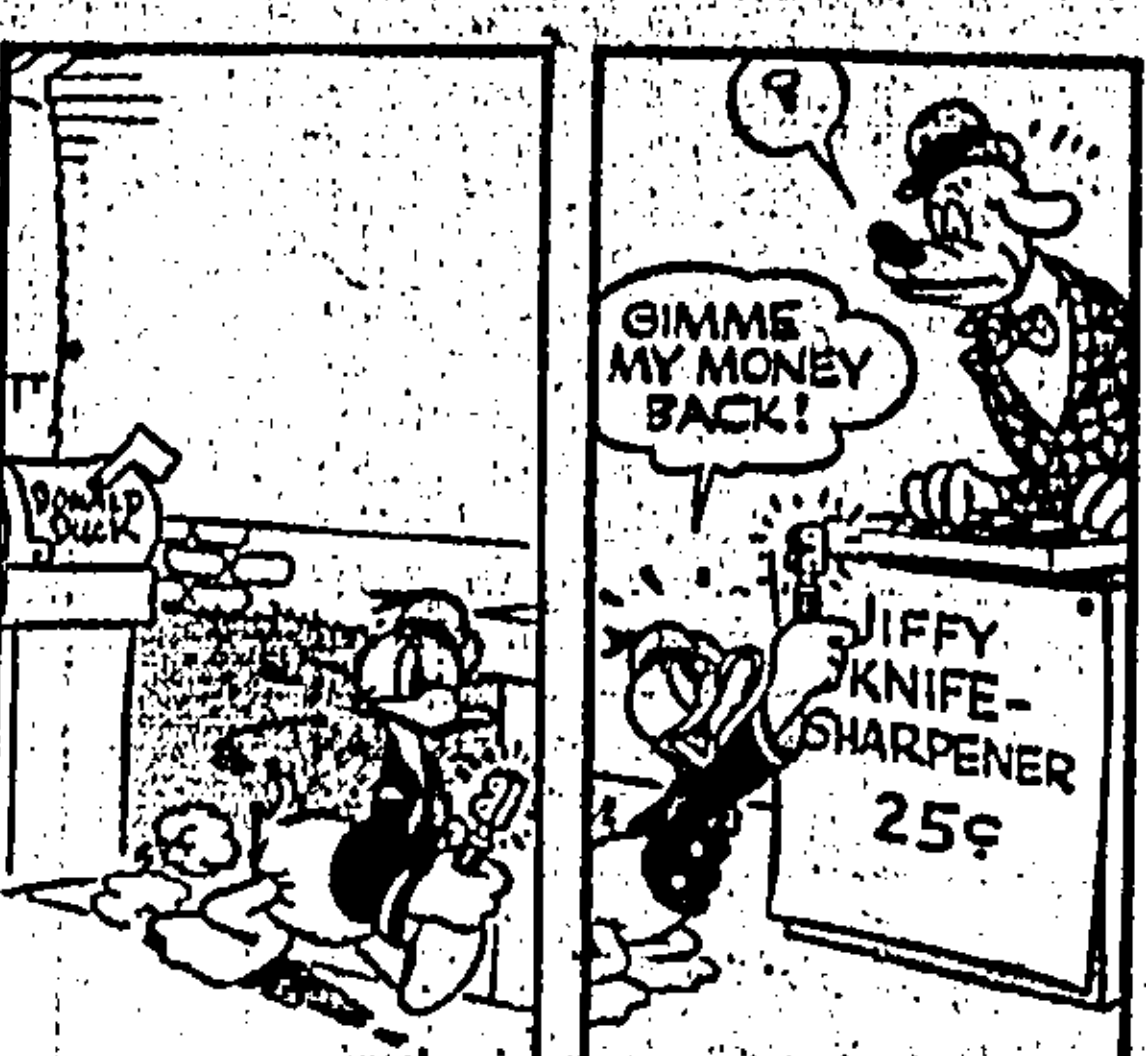
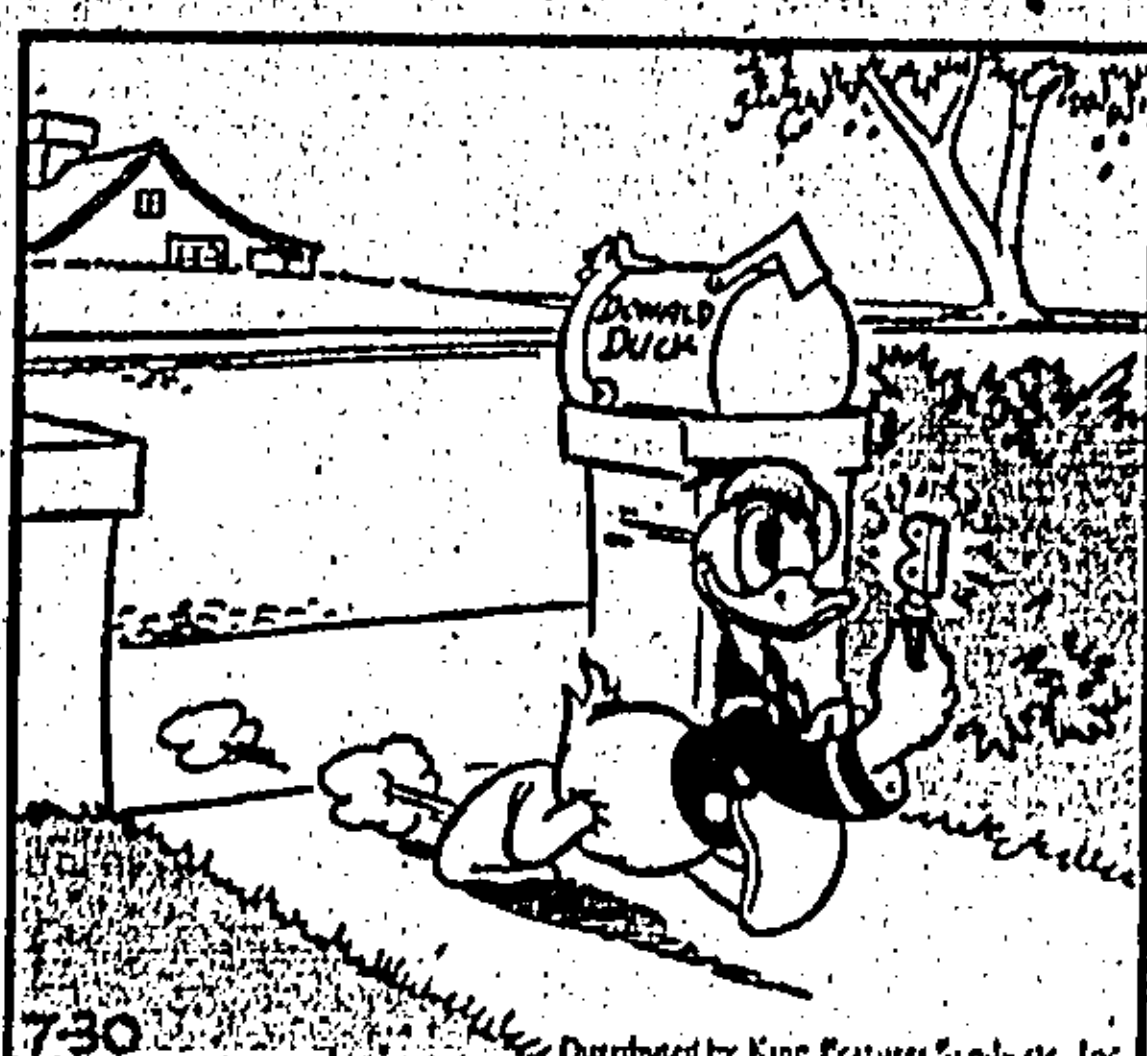
SINGAPORE, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—"There would appear to have been a slowing down of the tempo if not temperature in Japan," declared Mr Alfred Duff Cooper in an interview with the press here to-day. "This is something to be thankful for."

Mr Duff Cooper arrived here by clipper from Manila. He left London on August 6 on what he described as a mission to report direct to the War Cabinet regarding the possibilities of establishing a decentralised unit of the War Cabinet in Singapore which would co-ordinate British policy throughout the Far East and eliminate constant references to problems to various departments in London.

Thailand

Questioned regarding Britain's reaction to possible further Japanese encroachments, for example into Thailand, Mr Duff Cooper said: "A very serious view will be taken of any further Japanese aggression."

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—By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON—

Valuable Convention

THERE is one conventional bid that is not generally known and yet which is extremely valuable, especially against opponents who indulge in shut-out bidding. I refer to the four notrump overall, which is just another form of takeout double. In the following deal South used this convention correctly, and it was only North's stubborn refusal to cooperate that spoiled the result.

Match-point duplicate.
West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

♠ A 8 3
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ 8 5 2
♣ Q 9 4

♠ 4
♥ 8 5 3 2
♦ 9 7
♣ J 10 6 5 3

♠ 8 Q J 3 6
♥ A K 4 8
♦ A K 8 7

The bidding:
West North East South
4♠ Pass Pass 4NT
Pass Pass Pass

North, an experienced player, knew very well what South's four notrump bid demanded but, with a spade stopper of his own, and a king and queen on the side, he arbitrarily decided that notrump would be as good as any other contract. He was soon to regret this autocratic decision. Not that the contract was not made—it was. But North-South still came out with a bottom score, because every other team in the room played the hand in hearts and made six-and.

South's bid had been conventional and forcing. The four notrump overall is a valuable bidding device invented for just such hands as South held. Very often, when a player has great strength in three suits, the bidding will be opened pre-emptively against him, and it then is his task to find his own best contract within the limited bidding space left him. Without the conventional four no-

To-morrow's Hand
South dealer.
North-South duplicate.
North-South vulnerable.

♠ 8 2
♥ Q 8 7 3 2
♦ 9
♣ 10 8 6 4 3

♠ 8 4
♥ 10 9 5
♦ A 7 4 3
♣ J 9 5 2

♠ K Q 6 3
♥ A J 6
♦ K Q 10 8
♣ 2

♠ A J 10 7 5
♥ 4
♦ J 6 5
♣ A Q 7

How should this hand be bid?

We're All Wrong About Food

By Mrs Fred Maturin
(the traveller and travel writer)

WHAT is all this fuss about food? This argument, for example, about whether food-ships shall be allowed into "starving" France?

It is, I know, extremely hard to starve, even if you want to.

In fact, the war will teach the valuable lesson that the great majority of people have always eaten double—even treble—the quantity of food necessary for health.

Thousands of deaths occur yearly from over-eating, but very few from under-eating.

The African native keeps well and performs strenuous work on two small meals of grain a day. Often the grain is uncooked though mixed with water.

It is only when a shooting-party comes along and employs natives as servants and carriers, giving them double the food they ever had before, that they lose their health.

My own treks in Africa were an education on this point. At first, we began by over-feeding our retinue as well as ourselves.

We were used to it, like most Europeans. With us, ill-effects would begin only after middle-age.

A Sudden Change

But the servants and carriers changed suddenly. They had all sorts of pains—boils, sore throats, eyes, ears, noses and feet. They lost their spirits and became slack.

Settlers had warned us but we had to find out for ourselves.

It's queer how long it takes to learn some great truth in life. Some big shape-up is usually necessary. I got it on a trek from Nairobi into Abyssinia.

Near the border the party split up temporarily.

The Dutch driver, three of our friends and most of the natives were going with the wagon, along the Old Slave Road.

My husband, myself, two friends and three native servants were taking a short cut across rough ground and virgin forest.

The two groups were to meet that evening at any easy landmark. We arrived there—but the others didn't.

Almost Foodless

As it later transpired, they had lost themselves in a waterless desert, and several of the oxen had strayed off, making movement difficult.

Now the wagon had all our stores and food. Without it, in the wildest of wilds, we were in serious trouble.

We were hungry, cross, worried. But at least there was a river nearby. We drank heartily, and felt better.

That was the beginning of fourteen days with practically no food at all.

My husband had a rifle, but only one round of ammunition. The first morning he tried to kill a reed-buck with it, but missed.

"How long can people go without food?" he asked me.

"A long time, with water, I've been told," I said. "Perhaps we'll see."

Then we had a piece of luck. The native cook who was with us produced a small bag of self-raising flour, a half-packet of table salt, and a few onions. He had been carrying them as a little standby for himself.

Food Truths

We decided to turn this small hoard into rations for two weeks. One teaspoonful of flour each per day, with half a small onion for dessert.

The flour was made into tiny flat cakes mixed with water and cooked over a wood fire.

For the first three days we felt very hungry indeed. But not ill.

After that, food didn't seem to matter much, so long as we drank plenty of water.

All the time we worked hard in various ways and without feeling any weakness.

We made a bridge over the river. We made a hut of tree branches.

On the morning of the fifteenth day, a scout from our party found us.

He brought food—a cooked ham—and four empty water-bags with a piteous note asking for water.

Although they had a large store of food, their water had given out after a few days—and within a week, through thirst, they were all too ill to move.

When we met them, they looked like shipwrecked mariners, while we had not felt so fit for years.

Even Doctors ...

That experience helped to teach me that we are all wrong about food in the "civilised" parts of the world.

Only a few doctors understand the truth. One of them wrote thus to the Press some time ago:—

"I have a fine practice and many patients, most of whom are within four days of perfect health if they would do as I tell them."

"I have vainly assured them that they will not drop down dead if they will do a three or four-day fast, but will emerge cured of their ailments, and that if, after that, they will cut down their food to half they won't want me again."

"Will they do it? Not a bit of it!"

"They much prefer medicines, poultices, aches and pains, and even death."

"And so, my conscience being clear, I continue to build up a fine practice."

'Strongest Man In The World'

Killed By Cannon

Mr Warren Lincoln Travis was 5 feet 8. He weighed 120 pounds and he was a very strong man—much stronger, he boasted, than Eugene Sandow or Louis Cyr or Arthur Saxon. He once held in check two teams of brewery horses struggling off in either direction. He won the "Police Gazette" diamond belt in 1918 for feats of muscle. He was physical instructor to the Police Department under Theodore Roosevelt.

Back in the days of the John L. Robinson circus, Mr Warren Lincoln Travis put his back to a platform bearing an upright piano and two horses. He lifted them off the ground. Thus he went through the years, never admitting that some time might catch up with this mighty strength. But age did catch up at Coney Island soon after midnight recently. Mr Warren Lincoln Travis had just played to the last 10-cent audience. He lifted a cannon that weighed 1,000 pounds, and then sat down to rest. He never got up again. The "strongest man in the world" had died, 68.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Why don't you open your mouth, Junior, and tell the Cannibal what all you learned in college?"

Crossword Puzzle

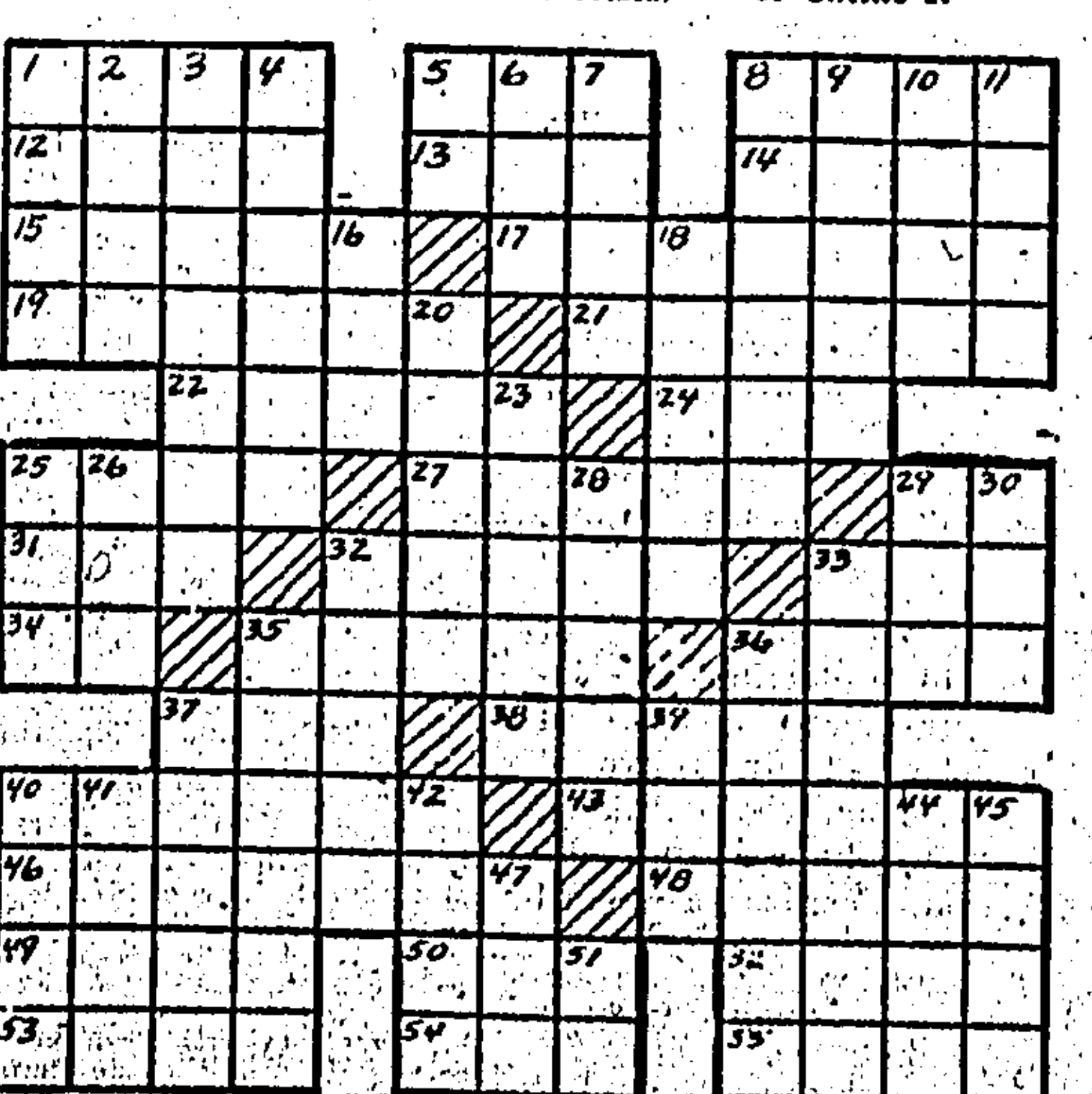
By LAIS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Young girl
- Upper limb
- Pass over without notice
- In white manner
- Playing
- Piece of window-pane
- One of New Zealand
- Marked with stripes
- One for something
- Whelmed part
- Things of joy
- Not bad
- Large boots
- College degree (abbr.)
- Free
- Famous Tiar of Nubia
- Roundly man
- Near
- Human household gods
- Offering of persons
- Male person
- Hand-stamp used for dating
- Wide observations
- Instrumental composition
- Women who lived
- Women of social standing

DOWN

- Spilled liquid
- Where French Gals
- Forward
- Triumph of
- Donkey
- Religious legend
- Shrine of Mecca
- Equal before the law
- Other
- One who sells
- Anglo-Baxon
- Monks' account
- High table-lands
- French
- Belief of "Tablets in stone"
- Press in furniture and butter
- Legislative body
- King David's mother
- Alcoholic drink
- Strong malt brew
- French Bible
- Illustrator
- Close personally
- Small river-duck
- Demands
- Sheibet
- Directed at



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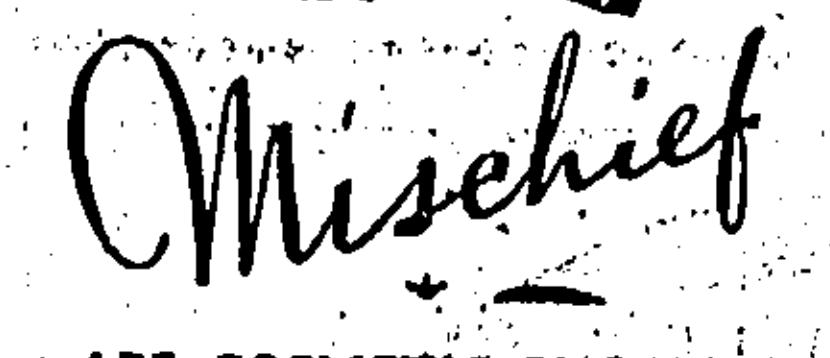
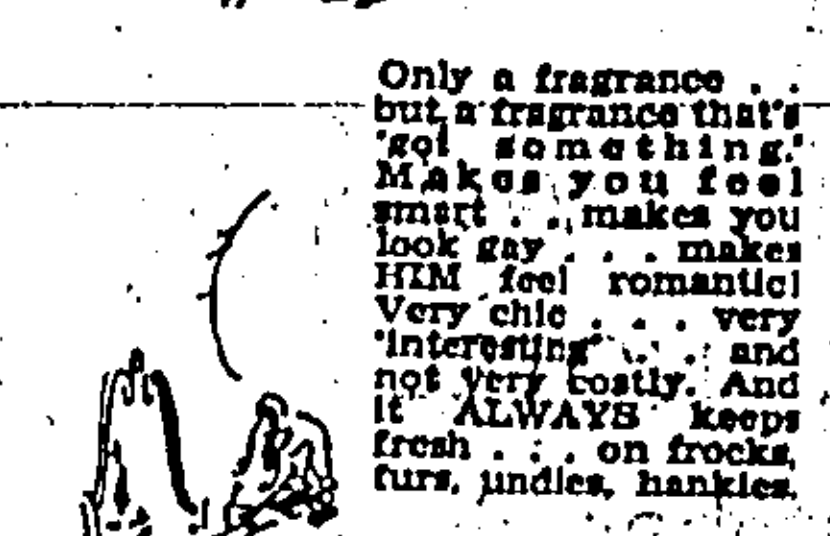
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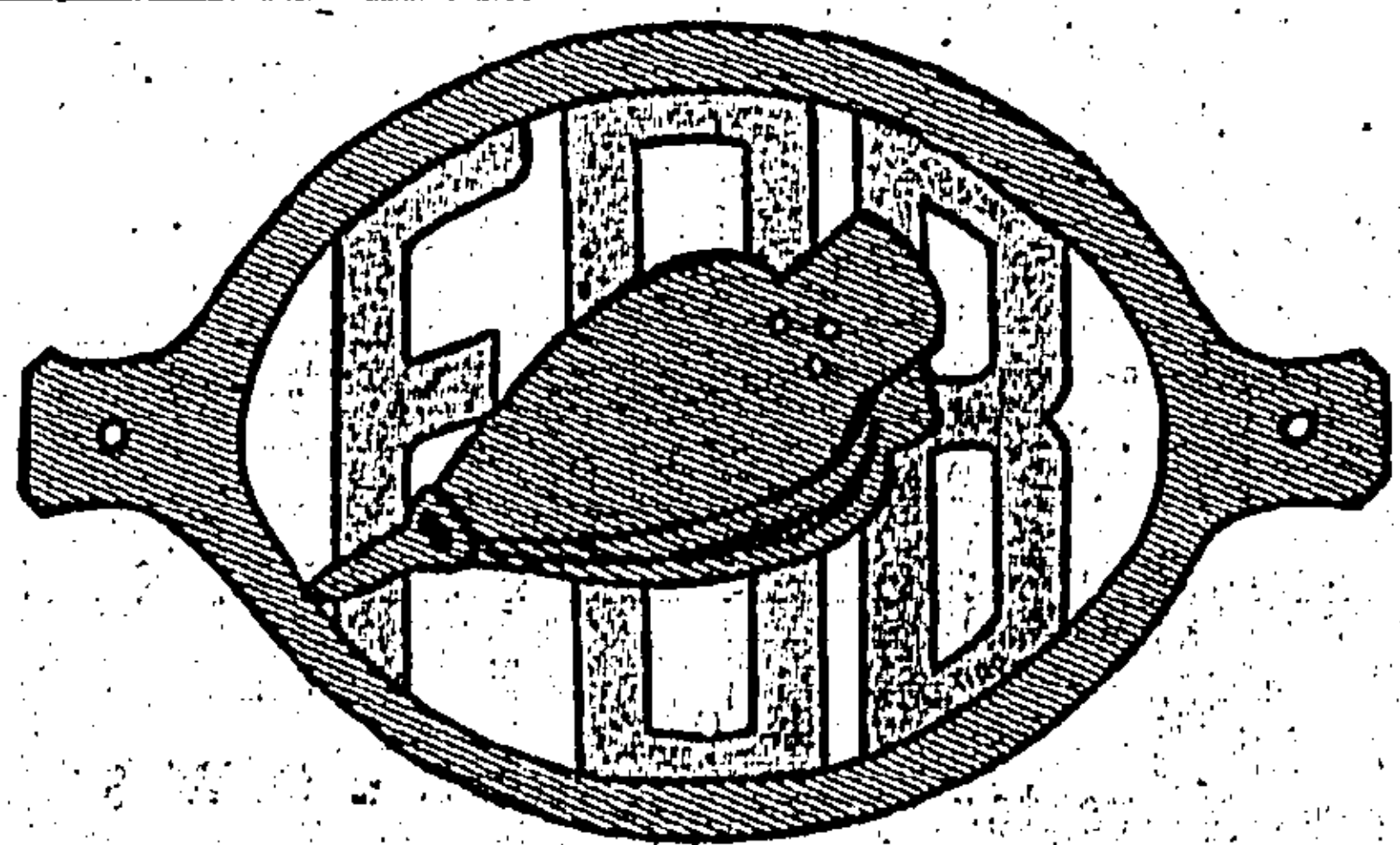
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SIR MARK YOUNG'S TASK

SIR Mark Young takes up the reins of administration in Hongkong at one of the most critical periods in the history of the Colony, and the success which he makes of his office rests not only upon his personal ability, but upon the lively and sympathetic co-operation of the community. This co-operation, His Excellency may rest assured, will be given freely, and, judging from Sir Mark Young's record as an administrator, it will just as certainly be accepted readily and with appreciation.

At this time the Colony feels, more perhaps than ever before, the need for vigorous and understanding leadership. Hongkong, though it has not in some respects felt the effects of the European conflict in such a full measure as other parts of the Empire, has, nevertheless, a number of problems arising directly from the wars in China and Europe; evacuation, diminishing trade, depression among the young local industries caused by inability to secure raw materials, overpopulation, and a constant state of tension created by a political situation which hangs over the Colony like a heavy thundercloud.

This is not a pretty picture to paint for a new Governor just arriving, but it is hardly likely that Sir Mark Young is expecting any more attractive canvas. Sir Mark has had considerable experience in dealing with delicate situations and complex problems which call for firm decisions based on sound judgment, understanding, tolerance and goodwill, and it is in this knowledge that Hongkong welcomes His Excellency, with renewed hope that, under his administration, the many ills which to-day beset the Colony, will be eliminated.

The foundation for a better, cleaner, healthier and more prosperous Hongkong has already been laid; circumstances will probably arise to impede progress to this end, but so long as the objective is held in mind the future will hold in store something worth while. To this end, the Administration and the community can work together in harmony.

From scrap metal collected from all over the world—formerly the greater part came from the United States—Japan rushes armament production. Top picture shows mechanics in an armament factory completing precision work on gun barrels. Lower left: Gun barrels in various stages of manufacture. Lower right: Japanese girls working on percussion caps for shells.

RUSSIA'S SECOND FRONT

By Leonard Engel

Russia's Red Army, now a principal in the greatest and most bitter struggle in military history, differs from every other important army in modern Europe in one vital respect at least. It's designed to fight on two fronts, only one of them military.

The other is against the slothfulness and backwardness that crippled the Czarist Russia overthrown by the weight of its own blunders and a hardy band of revolutionaries. In 24 years, more than 20,000,000 Russians have received military training. They have also received instruction in modernism and then purposely been sent out to carry modernism to the remotest corners of the U.S.S.R.

The sort of training I mean covers an extremely wide field—everything from learning to read to learning how to tighten a screw and how to brush your teeth.

These things are an integral part of the 20th century. So is literature, art, music, science. The Red Army has waged war on the home front to bring all these things to Soviet Russia.

Modernism has been brought to the Russian Army, Navy and Air Force by three principal means:

1. The training of a recruit in his daily routine, in learning how to take care of himself.
2. The regular military high schools or "technicums," as Europeans would call them where technical training somewhat beyond the American high school, is given, and the higher military academies. There are 60 technicums in the Army, and 32 each in the Navy and Air Force. Academies total 14. Biggest, the giant Frunze Academy in Moscow. Oldest, the Dzerzhinsky Artillery Academy in Leningrad, founded in 1820 as the Mikhailovsky Artillery School, and renamed after the revolution for the first head of the Russian secret police. These schools provide scores of thousands of men a year with basic technical training to which field training adds specific mechanized military skills.

3. An extensive chain of spare-time study clubs, drama leagues, orchestras and what-have-you based on the "Lenin rooms" found in every Red Army barracks, and the Red Army Houses in each military area. The Government has built and furnished the Red Army houses and Lenin rooms with everything from gymnastic equipment and chess sets to huge libraries and theatres. The biggest theatre in Moscow is the Central Red Army Theatre. A major Red Army off-duty-time activity are its bulletin board newspapers. Until recently, the job of teaching the illiterate recruits (now encountered only rarely) was taken care of through the Lenin room study circles.

The Soviet Government has been quick to put to use what it has taught its soldiers. The first thousands of tractor drivers on Soviet farms were ex-tank drivers. At one time teaching villagers to brush their teeth was made a solemn military duty. Discharged soldiers are encouraged to form army-like study circles in villages.

The war for modernism is suspended to-day. But if Hitler did bite off more than he can chew, it will be resumed.

SPOTLIGHT ON TOKYO TODAY

THIRD ARTICLE:

Movement South

BY
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areas have proved successful only through Japanese ingenuity and endurance.

The number of Japanese residents in French Indo-China jumped from 234 to many thousands after the various deals by which Japanese army and navy men and representatives of Japan's industry and commerce opened that country to development by Japanese firms.

The Japanese want rice, coal, tin and iron from Indo-China. At one time they also wanted sand, and the story around Tokyo was that they specified that the sand must come only from Camranh Bay and be loaded only in Japanese ships. The French laughed—that one off, but apparently the Japanese now have got their sand.

SOUTH SEAS

Lumber also comes from the South Sea regions, and Japan needs lumber for pulp from which to make rayon and staple fibre goods.

There are some 30 Japanese firms dealing in rubber in the South Seas but they represent only a small proportion of the output. The Japanese have only about 1/30th of the total invested capital in the South Seas and they believe that to be much too small a proportion.

SPREADING OUT

The type of exploitation done by the Japanese in China may be taken as an illustration of what might happen in the South Seas under similar conditions. The usual procedure in China was for the Japanese to take over 51 percent of the stock and then operate the industry as if they owned it all. The term applied to this sort of venture was "joint Sino-Japanese undertaking."

The population increases in China were greater in North China than in other sections. That was the section first "pacified" by the Japanese, and businessmen and industrialists were quick to follow up the pioneering by the Japanese Army. North China now has a Japanese population of about 350,000, as compared with the 43,109 Japanese residents there on July 7, 1937, when the shooting began at the Marco Polo bridge.

The number of Japanese travellers in the Orient is always a source of wonderment to foreigners. The ships between Kobe and Shanghai and between Kobe and Dairen, and between Kobe and Tientsin, or Tsingtau, are always booked to capacity. The trains across Korea between Japan and China are crowded daily to such an extent that it is impossible for a traveller to force his way through the slates from what ever coach he happens to be riding in to the dining car.

All these conditions have arisen since the beginning of the China war in 1937 and show a busy energetic race spreading out in all directions.

Itinerant Japanese medicine peddlers, carrying their wares through the jungles and sleeping in trees to escape tigers and bears, were the forerunners of Japan's present southward advance.

The merchants who first went into Malaya, Siam and French Indo-China nearly 50 years ago have been replaced now by corporations who want to deal in rubber, oil and tin instead of patent medicines.

Japan believes that access to those materials is vital to her continued existence. She would be willing to fight for them if she can obtain them in no other way.

In the four years of the Sino-Japanese war, the number of Japanese residents in China increased from 86,000 to 510,000. Restrictions on immigration have kept the Japanese population in the East Indies and the Philippines fairly static in recent years, but Japanese now are pouring into French Indo-China and Thailand with the idea of developing the rich resources of these regions.

The ratio of six to one by which the Japanese population in China has increased would be equalled or exceeded in any to which the Japanese could gain access.

THAILAND

The present emphasis in the Japanese press upon Thailand indicates that Japan wants further privileges for exploitation and trading there. Some of the same products which come from the East Indies are available in Thailand, and expansion in the latter country would be at less risk of war than would be the case in the Indies.

The Japanese already have formed companies which are operating in Thailand, and plenty of Japanese capital would be available if the operations were increased. Japan would be trading on British interests there but would hope to avoid a frontal clash.

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Company, the Nomura Trading Company and the Dainan Company.

The latter three companies are buying rubber. Mitsubishi is mining tin. Toko Company is mining wolfram.

The British got in ahead of the Japanese on development of this region, which is adjacent to Malaya. Japanese firms thus far have been able to obtain only about 150 tons of tin monthly. Japanese firms have been obtaining around 2,000 tons of rubber per month.

If Japan could get control of Thailand's entire rubber and tin output, it would improve the nation's economic position to a great extent.

HOW FAR?

With the powerful Mitsui and Mitsubishi interests eager to increase their operations in Thailand, it is natural for the government to support them in every possible way. How far they are prepared to go remains to be seen.

Japan has made much of her friendship for Thailand and recently was the arbiter in a dispute between Thailand and French Indo-China. Japan apparently now has become a Vichy-recognized protector of Indo-China in a move regarded by the United States as one of "conquest." She may extend to Thailand the same kind of "protection" afforded Indo-China.

If Thailand wants none of that sort of protection, the Japanese could make an issue out of the activities in Tokyo of Phya Sri Senna, Thai Minister of the Interior. The Japanese have been building up a quiet campaign against Senna, saying he is of Chinese descent and entirely unsympathetic with Japan's friendly intentions.

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MR CHURCHILL REVIEWS WAR FRONTS IN CHEERING VEIN

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—Continuing his statement in the House of Commons, Mr Winston Churchill said that the enemy had been employing a greater number of U-boats and a larger number of long-range aircraft than ever before and we must expect further increases.

"We have made prodigious exertions and our resources are continually growing but the Admiralty staff, who have been working in perfect harmony with the Royal Air Force would be the last to guarantee their continuance as a matter of course, and the slightest relaxation of vigilance, of exertion and contrivance would be followed swiftly by very serious relapses.

"The Germans are very much hampered on the American parts of the Atlantic by fear of trouble with powerful American naval forces which ceaselessly control the approaches to the Western Hemisphere. This has been a help to us. I could wish that it might be of greater help but here again the enemy's tactics may change.

"No doubt Hitler would rather finish off Russia, then Britain, before coming to close quarters with the United States. That would be in accordance with his usual technique of one by one.

"Hitler has, however, also the greatest possible need to prevent precious munitions and supplies now streaming across the Atlantic in pursuance of the policy of the United States Government from reaching our shores. Should he do so, the area of the danger zones will again become oceanic.

"In the meantime let us hear no vain talk about the Battle of the Atlantic being won. We may be content with the successes which have rewarded patience and exertion but war is inexhaustible in its surprises.

Visit To Iceland
 "With great pleasure on my homeward voyage I visited Iceland where we were received with the utmost cordiality by the Government and people and where had the honour of reviewing large numbers of strong British and United States forces which no doubt due to entirely different reasons and in pursuance of separate duties happened to be engaged jointly in defending this important island and stepping-stone across the Atlantic from Nazi intrusion and attack.

"Very considerable British and United States air and naval forces are also assembled in Iceland. The spacious airfields which we have constructed and are expanding there and in Newfoundland will play an ever-increasing part in the control of these broad waters and in the continual flow of the broadening stream of heavy bombers now acting against Germany night after night, will play a decisive part or one of the decisive parts in the final victory.

Eastern Theatre
 "Our affairs have also prospered in the eastern theatre of war. Our relations with Iraq are governed by a Treaty of Alliance which in time of war or other emergency accords to us wide powers for the purpose of defending Iraq and British interests."

After reference to German infiltration and intrigue and the flight of the pro-German Raschid Ali, Mr Churchill said: "This move did not find us wholly unprepared. We had the right and duty to protect our communications through Iraq and orders were immediately given to send to Basra an Indian division which had been held in readiness for this emergency. Hoping perhaps to secure from the recognition of his illegal regime, Raschid Ali pretended to welcome the arrival of our troops."

Value Of Crete War
 Mr Churchill traced the progress of operations in Iraq and said that Raschid Ali appealed constantly to the Germans to fulfil their promises but only 30 or 40 German aeroplanes arrived from Syria and endeavoured tentatively to instal themselves to Baghdad and in the north at Mosul.

There was an explanation of this German failure. The German parachute air-borne corps, which was doubtless to have operated in Iraq and would have been assisted on their journey across Syria by the Vichy French had been largely exterminated in the Battle of Crete. Over 4,000 of these specialist troops were killed and very large numbers of aircraft carriers were destroyed. This specialist corps was so mauled in the ferocious fighting that although they forced us to evacuate Crete they were in no condition for further operations.

With the new Iraqi Government we have been able to return to a basis of friendly co-operation which we propose to follow. The Treaty is now being loyally observed on both sides. There are still dangers in Iraq which require attention but cause for no major anxiety.

Intrigue In Syria
 The Germans' intrigue with the Vichy French in Syria had meanwhile been in full swing and the Vichy French Governor General Dentz in a base and treacherous manner was striving his utmost to further German interests.

Our armies in Greece had been evacuated, having lost much equipment.

Our western front in Cilicia had been beaten in by incursion of General von Rommel's German African Corps and we had a revolt in Iraq to suppress. Nevertheless we found it possible, in conjunction with the Free French, to invade Syria. The Free French battalion fought gallantly in co-operation with our forces which ultimately reached the equivalent of about four divisions.

Australian and Indian troops distinguished themselves repeatedly in action.

Cyprus And Levant
 The occupation of Syria by the Army of the Nile carried with it the means of securing the safety of Cyprus and all this part of the Levant into a far more satisfactory position.

Our naval port of control over the eastern end of the Mediterranean became effective and we obtained direct contact with our Turkish

Mission under Mr Averell Harriman which I trust will soon be here.

Beaverbrook At Head

"Our Mission will be headed by Lord Beaverbrook, who has already been in close conference with the President. We already have a military mission with officers of high rank in Moscow. Those whom Lord Beaverbrook takes with him will, therefore, supplement those who are already there. The names are already being discussed and will be published in due course. It is obviously desirable to announce the date of the Mission will start for the conference but no time will be lost.

"Meanwhile many very important emergency decisions are being taken and large supplies are on the way. We must be prepared for serious sacrifices. The mission is to meet Russia's needs (Cheers). The utmost exertion will be required from all concerned in production not only to help Russia but to fill the gaps which must now be opened in our long-sought and at last arriving supply.

Limitations

"Everything given to Russia is subtracted from what we are making ourselves or in part at least from what would have been sent us by the United States. The flow of our own production in Britain and the Empire is still rising. It will reach full force during the third year of wartime munitions production.

"If the United States are to fulfil the task they have set themselves, very large installations will have to be established or converted and there will have to be further curtailment of civilian consumption over there as they fully recognise. We may ourselves expect a definite reduction in military supplies from America, on which we have counted, but within certain limits we are prepared to accept those facts.

"Our limiting factors like time, distance and geography impose themselves upon us. There are limitations of transport and harbour facilities. Above all there is the limitation of shipping.

Open Routes

"Only three routes are open—the Arctic by Archangel which may be hampered by winter ice; the Far Eastern route via Vladivostok which is scowled upon by the Japanese; and the Persian Gulf route via the Persian Gulf, the Caspian, and the Red Sea. The Russians maintain a strong naval force and which gives access to the very heart of Russia, namely the Volga Basin.

"The Germans were of course busy between in Persia with their usual tricks. German tourists, missions and diplomats were suborning the people and government with the object of creating a fifth column which would dominate the Government of Teheran and not only seize or destroy oil fields which are of the highest consequence but—fact to which I attach extreme importance—close the surest and shortest route whereby we could reach Russia.

Demands On Iran

"We thought it necessary, therefore, to ensure that these requirements did not succeed. Accordingly we demanded from the Persians Government the immediate expulsion of their Teutonic visitors. We must have them out of our hands of all German and Italian. We must have the expulsion of the German and Italian Legations whose diplomatic status we of course respect.

"We must have unquestioned control and maintenance of through communication from the warm-water port of Basra to the Caspian Sea (Cheers). It is from this point particularly that American supplies can be carried into the centre of Russia in an ever-widening flow—and British supplies as well.

"Every effort will be made to improve railway communications and expand the volume of supplies which can be transported over the existing British gauge railway which has happily only recently been completed and now receives only a large number of rolling stock and locomotives to expand it greatly as a line of supply.

"Tin Hat Day"

At a meeting of the Ladies' Committee organising the "Tin Hat Day" in aid of the Bomber Fund, presided over by Lady MacGregor, yesterday, it was decided to invite those who wished to make advance contributions, to send their cheques either to the President, Lady MacGregor, "Panderage," 372 The Park; or to the Honorary Secretary, Miss S. Bander, Morning Post Building.

It was also decided that the emblem, in the form of a "tin hat" will not be on sale until the morning of October 4.

The following members of the committee were present: Mrs A. N. Braude, Mrs A. Hyde-Lay, Mrs H. F. Phillips, Mrs E. C. Ritchie, Mrs A. Ritchie, Mrs H. A. Taylor, and Miss S. Bander, (Hon. Secretary).

Mr. W. J. Keswick As Duff Cooper Deputy

SINGAPORE, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—Mr. W. J. Keswick, former Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, arrived here yesterday as Deputy of Mr. Duff Cooper.

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Edinburgh Gayest City In Britain

EDINBURGH looks much like it used to, except that it has been invaded by the English, writes a "Daily Telegraph" war correspondent.

The invasion from the south is probably because Edinburgh has not been touched by Nazi bombs since October, 1939—when Rosyth naval base was bombed.

Since then Nazi air tactics have changed, and the reason there has been no attack on Edinburgh is probably that it has no warehouses or food stores.

Edinburgh is probably the gayest, busiest city in Britain. The hotels are full of southerners, officers on leave, and business men taking a summer holiday.

It is a change to see once more polished, unbroken, plate-glass windows showing all manner of rich materials.

That the materials cannot be bought without coupons does not seem to matter.

The retail food stores for Scotland are the famous food markets where 50,000 small holders herd 3,000,000 sheep and 1,300,000 cattle.

Rusky Form Girls

None of this meat can be killed without licence, as it is being kept as reserve food for the coming winter.

Taking the place of the Scots crofters now in the Army, Navy, and Air Force are nearly 2,000 farm girls; husky wenches, who work in overalls and have real pomegranate cheeks.

Cutting and stacking hay has been their most recent work, a job made necessary only because of the threat that Nazi fire-bombs may burn the crops that are left to dry on the stalk.

Anti-Japanese Feeling

Rising In America

ON the Pacific West Coast, bands are playing "The Stars and Stripes" for the first time since the war began, says Richard Hughes, "Sydney Telegraph" roving reporter in America, in a message from Los Angeles.

In the last week or so I have heard cake pianos, band leaders, and nickel juke boxes (pocket-edition Wurlitzers) all asked to play this 1917-1918 number.

It always was a big band, too. Demand for "The Stars and Stripes" is only one manifestation of the war fever that has gripped the West Coast, since Washington and Tokyo started snapping faces.

The Musicians' Union has instructed its members to play the "Star-Spangled Banner" at the beginning and end of every professional musical programme.

A move has already begun in certain factories for the workers to hear the anthem on the radio before they start work.

Nazis Hissed

Talk in bars, cafes, shops, and streets is usually taken the same line. "We always knew we would have to give the Japanese a licking. We should have done it years ago. The sooner we get on with it now the better."

In newsreel theatres, the Nazis are hissed and the British are whistled. San Francisco and Los Angeles had no more like the same anti-Nazi warman as anti-Japanese warman.

They didn't like Hitler, but they probably disliked Harry Bridges, union boss, American-born West Coast union boss, American-born West Coast union boss.

They shared the same common American tendency—unrealistic, but very human—of hotly denying that they should go to war, while warmly insisting on a policy of sit-out and, of course, they were certain to land them in the war.

The Japanese war mood, which they cannot explosively, has insensibly but definitely changed their European war mood.

They are beginning to see that the crisis and danger are remaining in the Atlantic Ocean, and are realising that they had not recognised the crisis on their Pacific seaboard—which they had always recognised.

The Japanese fleet has given them a sudden, new awareness of the Nazi Air Force.

British To Stay In Spitzbergen

LONDON, Sept. 9 (UP).—It is officially indicated that the British occupation forces are remaining in Spitzbergen to ensure the attainment of any possibility of Germany receiving coal.

American Specialists On Burma Road

SINGAPORE, Sept. 9 (Central News).—To supervise and advise on the delivery and operation of "trucks" upon thousands of trucks being handed to China under the Lend Lease Act, Mr David Ladin arrived here to-day by Clipper en route to Burma.

Mr Ladin, who is accompanied by a body of specialists, said that General Motors is supplying China with large numbers of trucks, and that the U.S. Government is also supplying China with trucks, and that the U.S. Government is also supplying China with trucks.

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RADIO'S PART IN AIR WAR

LONDON.—"In Germany and Italy, apart from other evidence, it is remarkable how increasingly the enemy and it necessary, in address their own listeners, to attack British broadcasts. They obviously follow these closely and they attack them day by day; although their own listeners have nominally been prohibited all along and with heavy penalties, from listening to foreign broadcasts."

This opinion was expressed by Director General of the British Broadcasting Corporation F. W. Ogilvie, when he spoke to India on the first anniversary of the B. B. C. broadcasts in Hindustani.

This was the reply to friends from India, he said, who often asked about the progress of war-time broadcasting in Europe, particularly in enemy countries and in those which lay for the moment under Adolf Hitler's heel. And they wanted to know, too, about the effects of listening.

In occupied countries—Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Holland, Belgium, France, the Balkans—Mr Ogilvie said that the evidence, not merely that people listen, and listen in many, but that their courage is upheld by their listening, and their minds kept alert for action in due course.

"V" For Victory

Even now, at the present moment, the countryside and towns in certain places were being covered in response to the British broadcasts, with the letter "V," a symbol of victory and of the word "Victory" or Freedom. To see those "Vs" carved on tree trunks, scrawled on walls, scribbled on the rusty mudguards of German trucks, bring hope and comfort to the oppressed. And the oppressor, seeing them, knows and is afraid.

First Woman Atlantic Ferry Pilot

When I saw the first woman to pilot an American bomber across the Atlantic she was being admired, not only for her pluck and flying skill, but also for her stockings, writes a Daily Herald reporter.

She is Miss Jacqueline Cochran, who has arrived in Britain, having piloted a Lockheed Hudson reconnaissance two-engine machine for most of the 2,000-odd miles from a Canadian aerodrome.

In private life she is Mrs Floyd O'Donnell, wife of one of America's financial geniuses. Once she was a beauty parlor assistant. She has 2,000 hours' flying behind her, but even more exciting to women who met her in London recently were the 16 pairs of spunglass stockings, non-laddering, she has brought with her.

She gave them away, together with a dozen Californian oranges.

Still Feminine

She summed up herself when she emphasised: "I may be able to fly a bomber, but I am still feminine." That was when a photographer wanted her to dress in her flying kit of jacket and slacks, and she refused "because it will require a bit of preening."

"All details of the flight," she said, "are secret. But really it was nothing. I have had many more thrilling experiences. For instance, I have had three very good excuses to jump out with my parachute but have preferred to stay. Once I was foolish enough to bring a blazing machine to ground rather than jump."

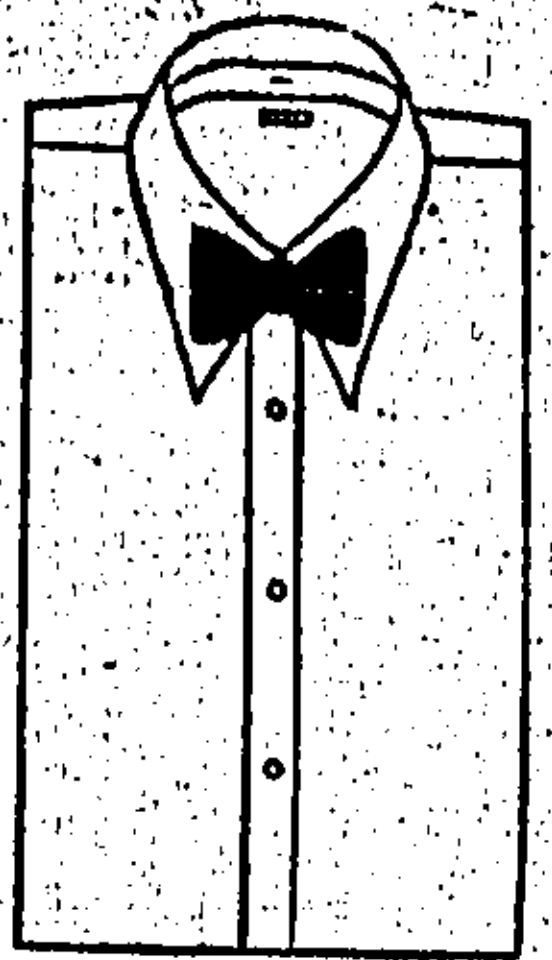
Flew Because of Bet

Miss Cochran learned to fly in three weeks as the result of a bet in 1932, and was in the race to Australia in 1934 but crashed at Bucharest.

In that race, her first, she was drawn No. 13. Since then one of the several lucky charms she wears strung together in a bracelet is a silver disc with No. 13 engraved on it.

She went to her English farm for a day or two before flying back to America for another bomber to fly to England.

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Around The Courses

Colony Championship On October 26



CAN'T FIGHT THIS WAY — In preliminary bout at Madison Square Garden, New York, recently, Mike Bolloise of the Bronx viewed the world upside down, after Bobby Ruffin of Astoria, L. I., knocked him through the ropes.

Lawn Bowls Championship

Several Close Matches In Yesterday's Schedule

SEVERAL close matches featured yesterday's programme in the First Round of the Colony Singles Lawn Bowls Championship. In many games, the scoring over the last two or three heads was the deciding factor.

Results were:

At Kowloon B.G.C.

J. G. Meyer beat R. Duncan 21-20 on the 25th.
W. L. Walker beat L. Sykes 21-17 on the 26th.

At Kowloon F.C.

J. Shepherd beat A. Hyde Lay 21-20 on the 25th.
T. A. Madar beat J. F. McGowan 21-6 on the 26th.

At Kowloon C.C.

Y. Abbas beat H. Basso 21-15 on the 22nd.
C. Craigower beat W. McLeod 21-15 on the 25th.

At Hongkong F.C.

W. Mair beat C. S. Rosset 21-17 on the 23rd.
A. M. Omar beat J. S. Riddell 21-5 on the 25th.

At Police R.C.

H. Overly beat J. S. Landolt 21-16 on the 25th.
S. M. Rumjahn beat W. V. Field 21-16 on the 23rd.

At C.S.C.C.

M. R. Abbas beat C. Gowland 21-10 on the 21st.
J. Lapsley beat K. M. Omar 21-18 on the 25th.

Fighting Finish

J. G. MEYER beat R. Duncan in what was truly a fighting finish. Every five heads the score levelled, with each alternately taking the lead in between. Meyer was ahead for the first four heads, then Duncan gradually took over charge until the 10th, when the score was 10-10, and it levelled again at 11-11 on the 14th.

A fine three on the 20th gave Duncan the lead at 16-15, but once again Meyer got back to level terms at 17-17 on the 23rd.

Up till then it had been anybody's game, but when Duncan registered another great three on the 24th—which brought his score to within one of victory, while Meyer was 17—the match seemed over.

Duncan needed one to win and Meyer four, and the latter got those four by singles on the last four heads. Each head had its fine moments, and Meyer was to be congratulated not only for his win over such a good opponent, but for his fighting finish.

Another Fine Duel

W. L. WALKER and L. Sykes were seen in a second fine duel at the Kowloon B.G.C., the former winning 21-17 after the scores were dead-locked 17-17 on the 24th end. Sykes opened in convincing style, and had scored six before Walker found touch. Then, with two 2's and a 3 he drew level at 24-24, and from then on it was a pendulum struggle with Walker ever having the slight edge.

The score went 11-8, 12-10, 15-12, 15-11, 17-10 and finally 17-11. A close single on the 25th put Walker in the lead, and he bowled brilliantly on the last head to score his 3 for victory.

Unavailing Bid

A. HYDE LAY made a gallant but unavailing bid for honours when he met J. Shepherd at the Kowloon F.C. Shepherd won 21-20 after 12 heads were scored. Hyde Lay's second last head was a 2, but he could not follow it with a 3, and he was thus left with a 2-2 lead.

Around The Courses

Colony Championship On October 26

Championship Aquatic Heats This Evening

FIRST HEATS for the Colony Swimming Championships will be held this evening at the Victoria Recreation Club pool, commencing at 6.07 p.m.

The programme is:

Men's 880 yards free-style.
Men's 220 yards back-stroke.
Men's 100 yards breast-stroke.
V.R.C. Boys 50 yards back-stroke handicap.

Competitors will be:

Half mile—Yu Shin-kan (Chinese "Y"), Chiu Wai-lim (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping (at Fun).

220 yards back-stroke—Au Leung-wah (S.C.A.), Chan Kung-cheng (Chinese "Y"), Poon Wing-kai (at Fun), Lau Yiu-tung (at Fun), Robert Chiu (V.R.C.), A. K. Rumjahn and W. Lawrence (V.R.C.).

100 yards breast-stroke—Fung Wai-cheung (Chinese "Y"), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Fung Yiu-hing (Sing Tao), Ho Po-yun (S.C.A.), Luis M. Remedios (V.R.C.) and Tang Hon-chiu (University).

Boys 50 yards back-stroke—H. Reynolds, G. Saunders, A. B. de Carvalho, E. D. da Rosa and F. A. Noronha.

C. R. C. To Consider Incorporation

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the Hongkong Chinese Recreation Club will be held at the club premises, Causeway Bay, on Saturday, September 13, at 4.30 p.m., to consider, and if thought fit to pass, a resolution to the effect that the Club shall be incorporated under the Companies Ordinance, 1927, at a company limited by guarantee, under the name of "The Hongkong Chinese Recreation Club."

Ready To Claim Pitching Record

NEWPORT, Ark., July 17 (AP).—Clarence Iott, pitcher for Paragon in the Northeast Arkansas League, is ready to claim some kind of strikeout and endurance record.

Iott struck out 30 men in a 10-inning game with Newport last night and allowed only six hits.

The game was called at the end of the 16th, the score locked at 1-1.

Two Weeks' Practice On Fanling Courses

Aiding Hongkong's War Effort.

(By "Birdie")

So, another season rolls round, though I don't suppose one can honestly say that golfers are ever dormant, for though the majority of competitions are confined to the winter, some are held during the summer months and heat cannot be said to stop players from going around.

However, the Colony Amateur Championship at Fanling on October 26 heralds the active half of the year. And, as usual, the competition is open to all amateur golfers in Hongkong resident for six months or more and who are members of Clubs here.

Limit handicap, as last year, is 12, and each Club outside the Royal Hongkong Golf Club is limited to ten entries. As I mentioned last week, there are seven Clubs in Hongkong, and if each of the six (excluding the R.H.K.G.C.) sent in ten players there would be a pretty good field—one which would tax the accommodation of even Fanling.

The competition is 36 holes medal play—18 on the Old Course, and 18 on the New—and for the whole, four small prizes will be given. These will be for

- (1) the best 36 holes' score,
- (2) the best visitor's score over 36 holes,
- (3) the best round on the Old Course, and
- (4) the best round on the New Course.

No player will be allowed to win more than one prize, and any surplus monies will be donated to the South China Morning Post War Fund. Entrance fee is \$5.

As in previous years, too, the Fanling courses will be thrown open to intending competitors for two weeks' practice prior to the actual competition. This period will be from Monday, October 13 to Saturday, October 25—Sunday, October 10, being excluded.

Entries close on October 20. The number of players from the home Club is unrestricted, for as far as possible it is the intention to pair off visitors with a R.H.K.G.C. member.

LAST year Alec Pearce took first place with 150 (76 and 80),

O. E. C. Marton was second with 157 and F. D. Hunter third with 159. But since he took his commission, Lt Pearce has not had overmuch time for golf, and though he will doubtless defend his title it is wondered whether he will retain it.

Best score ever returned in the competition was that of M. W. Budd in 1932, his rounds totalling 146, and there has only been one other score under 150 and that was J. T. Smith's 147 to win in 1933.

O. E. C. Marton has won the title the most number of times. His successes were in 1933 (154), 1934 (152), 1935 (155) and 1938 (153). He was disqualified in 1937 though he returned a winning score of 150, which year F. Groves won with 151.

WITH the start of the new competitions season, I am reminded of a suggestion made to me some time ago for a Colony golf effort for the War Fund. The only Club capable of running such a scheme would be the Royal Hongkong, though it would not mean the use of their courses. It would be a competition open to all and would be played over 36 holes medal play on handicap.

It could be a monthly affair, permitting a player to take out as many cards as he pleased, and this total sum at one dollar a time should amount to quite a bit.

The Royal Hongkong and other Clubs run these competitions on a minor scale, in comparison, and I feel that if the effort were made to cover all Clubs, response would be greater.

Each Club could conduct the competition on its own course each month and the collective results be sent to some centre—the R.H.K.G.C., for instance—and the whole shroffed up for that month's winner.

All golfers, including women, would be eligible, and a secondary benefit of such a competition would be in the assessment of handicaps.

Some players go the whole year without turning in a handicap card, even though their play has deteriorated, and some handicaps, consequently, are flattering and misleading.

TO "VICTOR" THE SPOILS



Smiling Vic Ghezzi (left), Tom Walsh, President of the P.G.A., and Byron Nelson. Ghezzi won the P.G.A. title beating defending champion Byron Nelson at the 38th.

Shanghai Half-mile Record Bettered By 11 Seconds

SHANGHAI, Aug. 31.—In the most magnificent exhibition of long-distance swimming ever seen in Shanghai, T. S. Chie, the Chinese star who has flashed on the local horizon this year like a comet, broke the record for the 880 yards free style last night at the Rowing Club Gala by fully 11 seconds, clocking 11 minutes, 54 3/5 seconds as compared with the former mark of 12 minutes 5 3/5 seconds established by Don Smith in 1930.

In achieving this outstanding performance—which is all the more remarkable inasmuch as Chie had only one other swimmer in the pool during the race—two having scratched, and was never scratched, in the slightest—the Chinese star won further laurels by covering the first 440 yards in under 5 minutes 20 seconds, or a time nearly 15 seconds better than the existing record for the distance.

Other Results.—The other three Shanghai Champions last night, highlighting one of the most enjoyable nights of the season—produced neither unexpected

startling performances. Bobbie Hekking won the men's 100 yards free style in the comparatively slow time of 16 1/2 seconds, though he very nearly lost the race to R. Leoni who almost caught him slipping with a gallant spurt in the last lap.

The men's 100 yards back stroke went to Ernie Smith as expected in the fair time of 10 1/2 seconds, while Charlie Butt captured the Junior 100 yards free style in the promising time of 11 1/2 seconds.

Judging from his performance last night Butt should break the local senior record of 17 1/2 for the distance in another two years.

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R.A.F. RAIDS ALARM NAZI LEADERS

Hamburg A City of Ruins

While Germany is paying a heavy price in men and equipment for victories in Russia, the condition of the home front, writes W. E. Lucas in the American newspaper "Christian Science Monitor," may well be giving the Nazi leadership still more cause for alarm.

Unceasing bombings, sometimes day and night, by the tireless Royal Air Force—and with a constantly increasing tonnage of bombs dropped—are bringing dislocation not only to Germany's production in the West, but, what is still more serious, to the morale of the war-weary German people.

From sources of unquestionable reliability, I have been able to gain some remarkable information as to the full extent of this process of dislocation and demoralisation, which is continued for any appreciable time is bound to make itself felt eventually in the Nazi programme itself.

For over two months now the R.A.F. has been staging a tremendous offensive against the industrial west of Germany, against Bremen, Hamburg, Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, the Ruhr and the Rhineland. As this summer fades into autumn and then darkness into winter this assault mounts in intensity and spreads its destruction over the furthest points of Germany and into Czechoslovakia and Poland, where the Nazis have already transferred many of their war industries.

New Bomb Used

Much of the effectiveness of the R.A.F. attack has been due to a new type of bomb recently put into use. Eye-witnesses have described this as a sort of aerial torpedo which, straightening out when it nears the ground, takes on a horizontal flight. Its velocity carries it through many obstacles, piercing walls and causing houses to collapse before it finally explodes.

The destructive power of such a bomb in built-up areas is evident, since in horizontal flight it cannot travel far without coming into contact with something. On one street in Hamburg a whole row of houses was demolished by one of these bombs, and somewhere in the suburbs of that city an old man sits on his porch with a clear view of the river which flows past his house, and he can see the ruins of three blocks of buildings.

There is sufficient evidence coming out of Germany to show that the material damage in certain districts has been severe. It is known, for instance, that the main Focke-Wulf airplane factory in Bremen was wrecked to the ground, though as yet the subsidiary plant on the banks of the River Weser has not been hit.

Two Dockyards Destroyed
In Hamburg, two dockyards, where five submarines were under construction, were completely destroyed; all the houses and shops around the docks are rubble and all that is left standing in the Adolf Hitler Platz, where the Town Hall was situated, is ironically enough the statue of William I.

The district around the Friedrichsberger Station is in ruins. In earlier raids on Berlin the Siemens factory in the north-west suburbs of the city was severely damaged. The Coldschleib subway station and the army stores depot at Bellevue were destroyed. In the Chornostrowsky, where 60 houses were bombed, a bomb which hit the gas and water mains caused the drowning of 80 people in one shelter.

It is reported that Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Propaganda Minister, has kept the Ministry's most recent investigation into the morale of the people away from the German High Command. That, if it is true, may be significant.

AUSSIES ITCHING TO FIGHT

Malaya Ready For Trouble

"If the Japanese strike at Thailand, they are in for a hot reception," declare sick and injured A.I.F. men who have returned to Sydney from Malaya.

Malaya is a fortress, and the A.I.F. men standing to arms on the Thailand border are "itching to fight," they told the "Sydney Sun."

"Practically every day for the past two months boat-loads of men have been arriving," declared Private G. B. Anderson, of Broadmeadow (Newcastle). "There is a tremendous number of troops there now—Australian, British and Indian."

Relief From Boredom

"Our boys greeted the order to move on to the Thailand border with delight for it came after months of inactivity. The weather up there is not too good—85 degrees in the day time and 90 at night—and our chaps were beginning to get bored."

"They are not bored now. Every one of them is itching to get there were lots of minor illness due to the heat and the food, but the chaps have forgotten that now."

"They want only one thing—to fight. That is what they went there for."

"Our boys think the world of the G.O.C. (Major-General Gordon Bennett) and they will be happy to go into battle with him at their head."

"Apart from the heat and the food, our chaps have had little to complain about. People up there work until 1 o'clock, and then finish for the day. Australians have found it hard to keep going all day."

"The boys I left over there," said Private H. G. Shepherd, of Canberra, "will welcome a scrap. And there are plenty of troops there to handle the Japanese."

"Looking across from the place where I was stationed, you could see nothing but troops. The boys are just itching to get into it."

Missed Comforts

Private W. Keith (30), of Dubbo, who had his leg broken in an accident, said that numerous men in the ambulance unit to which he had been attached were complaining bitterly at the absence of comforts.

"I was in Malaya for five months," he added, "and I never once received a single parcel."

"Even parcels sent to us from our relatives seemed to have gone astray. The boys are loth to believe that this is due to deliberate tampering with the mail, and put it down to bad organisation."

Pte. Keith said that the quantity and quality of the food at Malaya was excellent. Cigarettes were plentiful, although pipe tobacco was very hard to get at times.

The morale of the troops was excellent, he continued. Their equipment was 100 per cent, and they felt confident of handling any emergency. Plans were constantly in the air and any move that might be made against Malaya would certainly not take the inhabitants by surprise.



TANKS FOR BRITAIN—"Aid on a gigantic scale," is how Britain's Prime Minister Churchill summed up U.S. help. Here are first two 28½-ton medium type armoured tanks ready for shipment to Britain from Pullman-Standard Car plant at Hammond, Ind. They're the first of a large British order.

Czechs Charge Nazi Rulers With Torture: Report Issued

Details of Nazi torture are made public in a book entitled "Two Years of German Oppression in Czecho-Slovakia," published by the Czecho-Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with a preface by Eduard Benes, the Czech President.

In discussing treatment of Roman Catholic priests, said to be used as beasts of burden in concentration camps, the book cites cases:

"It is a frequent sight," the account runs, "to meet on the roads a priest dressed in rags, exhausted, pulling a cart, and behind him a youth in S. A. uniform with a riding whip in his hand."

The following is from an account of the way students of Prague were treated after German police had "provoked" them to protest against Nazi extremists:

"They were stripped, drenched with icy water and made to lie on the ground the whole night in ice-cold weather... compelled to run around the riding-school, urged on by blows from whips and cudgels, until heart and lungs could stand no more."

"Others, again, bound in groups of three, had the lobes of their ears torn, their eyes struck out by blows from whips—the whole under the amused gaze of German typists who were sitting there at their machines. When the students had suffered nameless tortures they were forced to cry out in chorus 'We thank you, certain atrocities cannot be related as they were inspired by a sexual and sadistic pathological strain by which most of the Gestapo, agents and German soldiers seem to be affected.'"

Much Unfit To Print
"The Germans also brought a number of girl students, taken from their hostel in the course of a nocturnal raid. Many of the girls were dragged on to large open spaces surrounded by tanks and violated in view of the bound male students, some of them by several men in succession. The German soldiers burned the breasts of their victims with cigarette ends."

(What follows, in the book, is too loathsome and horrible for publication in a newspaper.)
Chapter titles include "Twenty Years of Happy Development Until Munich," "Invasion, Political Persecution, Destruction of Czecho-Slovak Autonomous Life, Atrocities," "Germanisation," "Persecution of Christian Churches," "Persecution of Jews," "Economic Enslavement and Robbery."

Torture Laid To Women
"In the streets of Brno," it is reported, "scenes took place in which even German women and children were used to torment the Jews who had been driven into the streets. The Jews were baited to the great delight of the German population. Many of the wounded remained lying on the pavement for hours, only a few were successful in finding first-aid; the hospitals and clinics were soon full to overflowing. One Jewish factory owner was trampled to death."

Economically the Czecho-Slovak nation itself is being expropriated, the book asserts.
"The economic damage the nation has suffered in two unhappy years of the German regime may be assessed at one-third of the national property left after Munich. No

Neuro-Surgery Cures Severe Head Wounds

LONDON (UP).—Soldiers from Dunkirk were taken to hospital in London with serious head wounds. That was 12 months ago. To-day, they are back with their units. Medical science has achieved another pinnacle.

The surgeons now can treat serious head wounds—even cases of fractured skulls and injuries to the brain—which were considered incurable, only 15 years ago. Treatment is given at emergency hospitals of London County Council, and at other centres all over the country.

Air-raid casualties have been treated with results that are declared to be "wonderful—even spectacular."

An injured skull formerly often meant early death or disability for life. To-day, hundreds of people whose skulls were injured in air-raids are walking the London streets—cured.

The success has been achieved through the hands of the neurosurgeon.

The greatest of these surgeons is working in London. He is a tall, bearded man with the delicate hands of an artist.

Local Anaesthetic
A reporter who attended one of his operations said only a local anaesthetic was used. The patient, after it was all over, said it was only like having a tooth out.

Bone from some other part of the patient's body was used for grafting.

Patients are kept together in the emergency hospitals, constantly under the supervision of the neurosurgeon in charge, a plastic surgeon whose job is to treat cases of face injury, and a general practitioner.

Most cases in the wards of the hospitals to-day are air-raid victims. One of them, in London, is an 11-year-old girl, Joyce Saunders. She was hit on the head by flying debris. Yet, she is being cured.

Paralysed
Another London patient, Mrs. Minnie Forrest, was injured seriously in one of the first air raids. Her head is still bandaged but she is on the way to recovery.

Miss Margaret Roberts, a London dressmaker, was hit on the head by shell splinters, and her right side was paralysed. To-day, she is cured—and her hair, which was cut off for the operation, has grown again—glossy, brown curls.

war catastrophe could have had such devastating effect."

It also is reported that the Germans try to destroy Czech education. When a Czech delegation requested the reopening of universities, the Nazi Secretary of State, K. H. Frank, is said to have replied:

Food Supply Is Assured This Winter

Losses From Bombing Very Small Fraction

Raymond Gram Swing, WOR commentator, broadcasting from London recently said he was surprised to find that the food supply in Britain was larger now than a year ago.

"Last year there were more non-essentials," he said. "To-day greater portion of the supply is made up of essentials. I was also told that despite the rising curve of shipping losses... there will not be a food shortage in Great Britain this winter below the minimum standard set by the government."

Food losses from the bombing of warehouses is only a fraction of the losses from torpedoes at sea, he said.

"Once the food is landed in Britain the chance of its being destroyed in warehouses is quite small. The food isn't being piled up in the ports or near the ports; it is being distributed all over the country and in such small lots that its destruction by bombing is extremely difficult."

Food Restaurants
Mr. Swing also told of the more than 900 eating places, called British Restaurants, set up all over the country. There folks who have only a shilling or so to spend on a meal outside their homes can eat a meal for 15 or 20 cents without reducing their rationed food. The government usually lends the money to local authorities to open the restaurants, and after that they are self-supporting, he said.

Mr. Swing concluded that on the whole the food situation was not desperate and guessed that the present British diet was healthier than in pre-war times.

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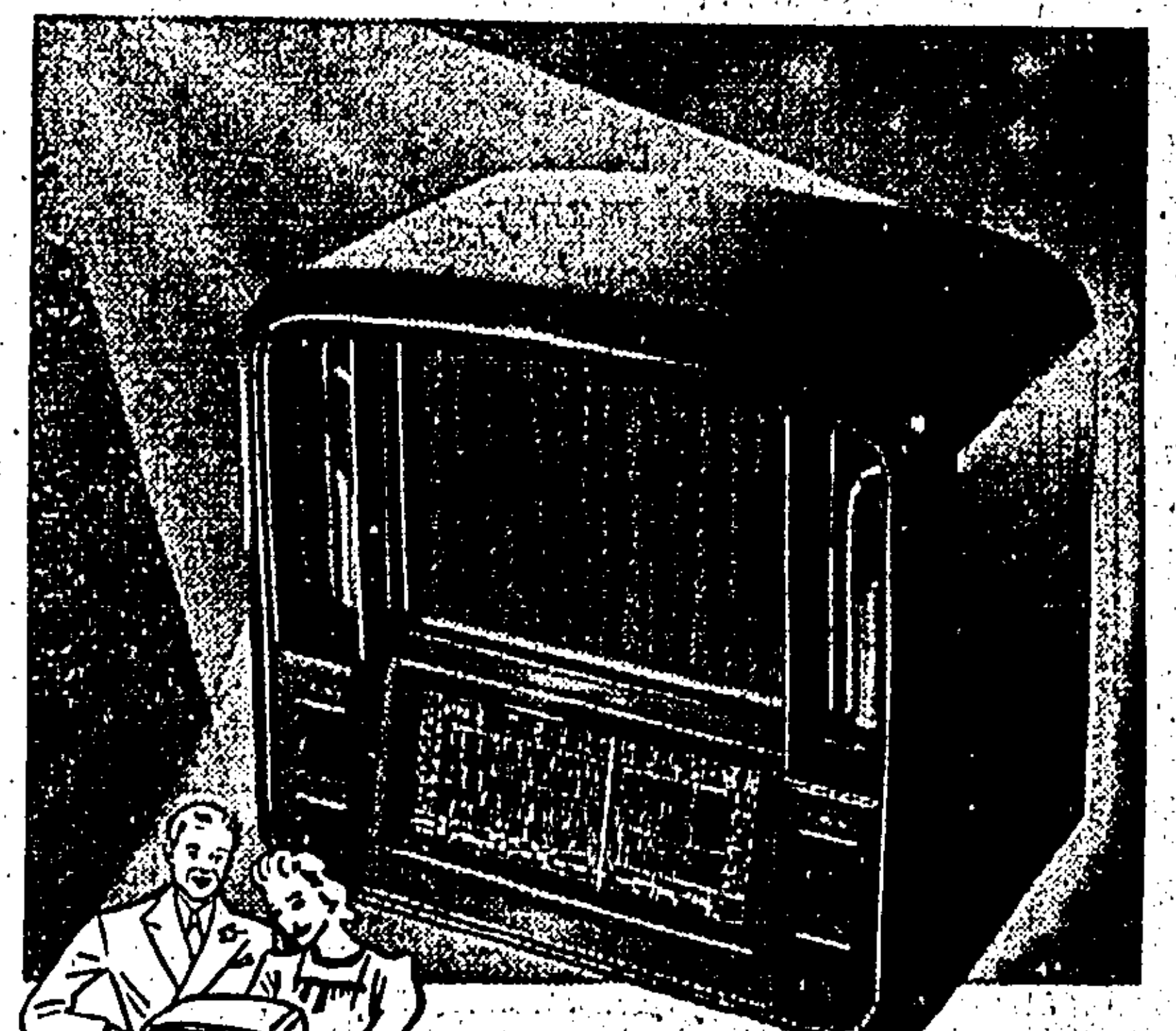
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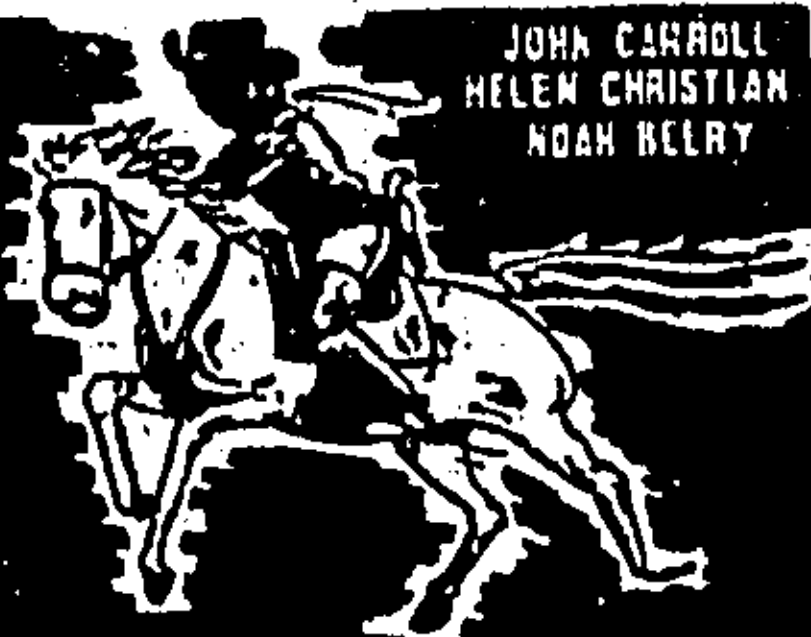
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5 HOURS BESIDE TIME-BOMB

Here's the situation—there are 500 gallons of highly inflammable creosote oil in a storage well. Underneath the oil is a 500lb. time bomb. What's to be done about it?

When this state of affairs was discovered the morning after a raid, Bill Mason volunteered to pump out the oil (and incidentally risk being blown up or burned).

Everybody else was cleared from the danger area in the tar works.

Alone, 42-years-old Bill Mason sat in the steam pump house—only 12ft away from the well—and kept the pump going.

Slowly the level of the oil sank in the well.

"It got on my nerves a bit during the first hour," says Bill.

Hour After Hour
For three hours he pumped... "I began to kid myself. It would never go off."

For five hours he pumped... "On the last lap—and I was almost enjoying it."

There was now only a foot of sludge in the well, and the pump would draw no longer.

"I was quite disappointed," says Bill. "The sludge covered the bomb. I did want to see it."

And then Bill "packed up" and walked across the deserted yard and reported: "Oil all safe."

Within 25 minutes the bomb went off. The pump-house was demolished.

Awarded G.M.
It has been announced that Bill Mason, of Salford, Lancashire, has been awarded the George Medal.

I imagine his two little girls, aged 11 and 7, will be teasing their 10-years-old soldier-brother that Daddy is the first to get a medal, writes a reporter.

Which is funny, because Bill Mason served two years in the last war—in France, Italy, and Egypt. And he has had to wait until he is a civilian again to win one.

Billeting Ban On Wives

WIVES of officers and men stationed in Dorsetshire who have been staying with their husbands in billets have been told that either they or their husbands must leave the billets.

This is a result of an order issued by the commanding officer of the division. The order will be strictly applied and officers have been told that in future they must regard the mess as their home.

There has been wide discussion whether soldiers should be allowed to share billets with their families, particularly in defence areas, but this is only the second order made on the subject.

Recently a similar order was made by a commanding officer in the Hertfordshire area.

Not General
A War Office official said that the authorities have no intention of making a general order.

"The matter can safely be left to the discretion of the commanding officer, who knows local conditions," he said.

The opinion of those who oppose wives and husbands sharing billets is that in peace-time soldiers regard the barracks as their home, and the fact that under war conditions they must live in billets should not alter this view of army life.

LATE NEWS

Shaw Calls Stalin No. 1 Statesman

George Bernard Shaw rates Stalin first, President Roosevelt second, and "the rest nowhere" among world statesmen.

Shaw says this in a note on the subject of a book lent him by an official of the People's Convention, a Socialist organisation in Britain.

"I am aware of the extraordinary military ability and general force of character Stalin displayed when he saved the Revolution in 1918-20," Shaw's note adds.

"Without Stalin, Lenin could never have held Russia against the capitalist world in arms."

"When I met Stalin in 1931 I know that I was face to face with the ablest statesman in Europe."

Declining to address a meeting of the People's Convention, Shaw stated: "As my 89th birthday has just occurred, I no longer try to move assemblies."

Canadians Change Icelanders' Views

Sergeant-Major Dudley D. Spencer declared in Toronto recently that the first Canadian troops to reach Iceland "found that 98 per cent of the population there had strong Nazi sentiments" but that the occupation force had remodelled public opinion to favour the British.

"We actually won their good will by our cheerfulness and democratic ways," he said. "When we left Iceland their entire attitude was changed."

Wodehouse Replies To His Critics

The English author, P. G. Wodehouse, in a broadcast over the German radio, answered attacks on his action in speaking over the air from Germany by stating: "My talks are designed simply to acknowledge the hundreds of sympathetic letters from Americans."

"My broadcasts have caused violent attacks against me in Britain, but I am still not able to see anything in the broadcasts which would not be printed in any English newspaper."

RUSSIAN WAR SUMMARY

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Nazis as the result of a counter-attack.

In mid-July the Soviet High Command announced the recapture of Rognachev and Zlobin on the Dnieper just above Gomel. Many times in the fighting towns and large villages have changed hands but the Russians have not felt a purely local ebb and flow worthy of mention—they name the recapture of towns which they intend to hold.

Base Of Counter Attack
It is noteworthy that Rognachev and Zlobin have not only remained in Russian hands since their recapture but have formed the basis for the deep narrow counter-attack which led to the German reports of severe fighting at Dobruslak some days ago when elsewhere in this sector fighting was well to the east of this town.

More than 60 villages have been taken west of Yelnya by Soviet troops who are maintaining a relentless pursuit of the retreating Nazis. This is confirmed by Moscow dispatches late this afternoon that artillery fire can be heard 20 kilometres to the west of Yelnya.

Central Sector
On this central sector, the fate of the entire German campaign may ultimately depend. Even should Leningrad fall Russia's military and economic position would not be decisively affected—the fall of Moscow would be another matter.

It is on the Leningrad front that the Germans and Finns are claiming successes. The Nazi claim to the capture of Schlussburg has not been confirmed nor has the Finnish claim to have reached the River Svir. The encirclement of Leningrad as the Nazis claim would be a serious matter for the Russians and for their Baltic Fleet and at the outposts at Hangoe, Oesel and Dagoo, but the Soviets have not hesitated in the past to admit unpleasant truths.

Other Side Of Claim
In all probability the encirclement claim represents a partial truth and it is just as likely that if "mobile divisions of the German army have reached and taken the town of Schlussburg" it is the mobile divisions of the German army that have been cut off from land communications and not Leningrad.

At the other end of the front the Germans still fail to cross the Dnieper. From Odessa come reports of "business as usual" and everywhere behind the German lines district after district reports visits from guerrilla fighters.

Mr Duff Cooper

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though the action we would take in such a hypothetical case. I naturally cannot forecast. We are working in close co-operation with the United States and this co-operation is of utmost importance. I think that I can fairly state that neither Britain nor the United States desires to see the war spread to the Pacific, but if it does we are ready to face whatever comes."

Mr Duff Cooper said that in his investigation of the Far Eastern situation, he will almost certainly visit Burma, Australia and the Netherlands East Indies. The possibility of his going to Chungking is not excluded though there is no immediate likelihood of his going to Japan.

"Central News" adds: Mr Cooper denied that he would tackle Malayan domestic problems during his sojourn here, pointing out that that is Sir Shenton Thomas's job. He said he may send fact-finding reports to the British Government by cable, Clipper or Latimer.

While in Manila, he saw President Manuel Quezon and the United States' High Commissioner Mr Francis Sayre, but did not have time to inspect the defences.

Mr Cooper refused to discuss Pacific affairs in detail saying only that "co-operation between the British and the United States Governments is being carried out and I am sure that the co-operation will be continued."

Mr Churchill Sums Up Progress Of War

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and picture of the Battle of the Atlantic last spring when the sinkings far outstripped any possible construction and no end seemed to be in sight.

The audience listened in vain for a hint as to whether and where England plans a military initiative against the Axis. But indicative of the new aggressive spirit in England was the implicit threat that the Middle East forces would occupy Teheran if the Shah did not quickly come to terms. The House loudly cheered Mr Churchill's remark that he was sure that they would approve of "any measures we may have to take."

Germans Lose 3 Ships
forces under the command of Rear Admiral P. L. Vian have been operating against German convoys supplying their troops on the Murmansk front. These operations have been successful.

"A German destroyer and an armed trawler have been sunk and the German light cruiser Eberstadt, which was damaged by naval aircraft during the raid on Kirkenes in July, is believed to have been sunk. Other ships have probably been damaged. We sustained no damage. Further details are awaited."

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JAPAN & HER AXIS TIES

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (UP).—International circles here have received reports that many leading Japanese are convinced that Germany cannot win the war and they therefore desire to weaken the Axis ties and strengthen those with Britain and the United States as rapidly as possible, consistent with "saving face."

GERMANS LOSE 3 SHIPS

Destroyer & Trawler: Cruiser Damaged

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—A German destroyer, an armoured trawler and another vessel were sunk by the Royal Navy off Murmansk. The German light cruiser Bremse was damaged and is believed to have been sunk. There were no British casualties.

Built at Wilhelmshaven in 1931 as a gunnery training ship, the Bremse is a 1,400-ton light cruiser with a length of 330 feet. She normally carries complement of 102 men. Her peacetime equipment is four 5-inch guns and two 20-mm A.A. guns. She is an oil burner capable of 27 knots.

Italian Schooner Torpedoed

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—"A large Italian schooner has been torpedoed and sunk by one of our submarines in the Central Mediterranean," states an Admiralty communiqué.

"Off the harbour of Benghazi, another submarine engaged two self-propelled supply lighters by gunfire. Both were hit and damaged and one may have been sunk."

Communiqué

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—The Admiralty communiqué says: "Light TURN to Back Page, Column 5"

President's Mother Laid To Rest

Simple Ceremony

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HYDE PARK, Sept. 9 (UP).—Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt was buried to-day in the cemetery of St. James Episcopal church beside her husband, James.

The President, surrounded by members of his family and several intimate friends among the retainers of the Hyde Park estate, participated in the simple ceremony which started in mid-afternoon in the spacious library. Only the President, the First Lady, their sons James, Elliott and John and their wives, Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt Junior, the President's aunt and uncle and a few employees of the 1,200-acre estate were present.

Eight voices formed a choir which sang hymns selected by the President because it was his mother's favourite and then with a final plea to the "God of Peace" the rector concluded the rites. Then eight workmen—some of whom have served the President for more than twenty years—lifted the mahogany casket and carried it to the waiting hearse.

SMASHING SUCCESSES CLAIMED BY RUSSIANS IN COUNTER-ATTACKS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 9 (UP).—SMASHING SUCCESSES BY THE LATEST RUSSIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS ARE CLAIMED IN MOSCOW. IT IS DECLARED THAT IN THE SMOLENSK AREA THE RED ARMY WHICH TOOK THE OFFENSIVE 27 DAYS AGO ADVANCED STEADILY UNTIL A FINAL ATTACK ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 5, WHEN THEY VIRTUALLY ENCIRCLED THE GERMAN ARMY.

ON THE PRECEDING DAY, RUSSIAN PLANES BOMBED ENEMY AIRPORTS AND DESTROYED 85 GERMAN PLANES.

After smashing the better part of the eight opposing divisions who lost 70 per cent. of their effectives, the retreating remnants were annihilated by Russian artillery which covered the Nazis on both sides.

One correspondent reports, "Our glorious troops are continuing their pursuit of the retreating enemy, not giving him a minute's rest or respite."

RUSSIAN WAR SUMMARY 26-Day Offensive By Soviets

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 9 (UP).—Authoritative British circles asserted to-day that Russia had mobilised between ten and fifteen million men, and had inflicted within three months greater casualties on the Germans than the latter suffered in any one year of the World War.

The battle for Leningrad had become intensified with furious fighting. Berlin claimed to be confident that the Nazis would occupy Leningrad and Odessa "before the October snowfall." Concurrently, according to British reports, the Germans had brought 500,000 fresh troops from the occupied areas in Europe and from Germany against the 100-mile long Russian lines from the Gulf of Finland to Lake Ladoga, defending Leningrad.

Biggest Soviet Offensive

General Timoshenko's central front successes claimed by Moscow climaxed a 26-day persistent counter-attack—the largest Russian offensive since the start of the war. Reference books show that the German casualties throughout the World War totalled 7,142,000 men, averaging 1,760,000 per annum. Of these casualties 1,773,000 were killed, namely about 443,200 annually.

Recaptured By Soviet

(WAR COMMENTARY BY "ANNALIST")
LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—"Our troops have occupied the town of Yelnya." This is only the second occasion since fighting began on the eastern front that the Russians have named a town recaptured from the Germans.

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Washington Disturbed

Attacks On U. S. Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (UP).—Political circles are disturbed by the attacks on two United States vessels yesterday, and they saw reason to take unusual seriousness at Mr. Churchill's warning of possible concerted Nazi assaults on the United States Atlantic patrol lines.

There has been an almost universal assumption that Hitler would avoid attacks on United States ships because that would be the surest way to incite the United States, but today some circles were of the opinion that Hitler might, in desperation, order attacks just as the Nazis did in 1917, although he realises that it would probably bring the United States into the war.

Mr Duff Cooper Senses Lessening Of Tension

SINGAPORE, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—"There would appear to have been a slowing down of the tempo if not temperature in Japan," declared Mr Alfred Duff Cooper in an interview with the press here to-day. "This is something to be thankful for."

Mr Duff Cooper arrived here by clipper from Manila. He left London on August 6 on what he described as a mission to report direct to the War Cabinet regarding the possibilities of establishing a decentralised unit of the War Cabinet in Singapore which would co-ordinate British policy throughout the Far East and eliminate constant references to problems to various departments in London.

Mr Duff Cooper said that he had little to add to his previous statements regarding Japan which can be summarised as that Japan has missed the bus since Britain's defences in the Far East are now immeasurably stronger than a year ago.

Thailand

Questioned regarding Britain's reaction to possible further Japanese encroachments, for example into Thailand, Mr Duff Cooper said: "A very serious view will be taken of any further Japanese aggression."

The Smolensk correspondent of the "Pravda" wired this morning that the Red Army advancing at the rate of eight miles a day for the past two days broke through the maze of German fortifications, attacking frontally and on both flanks, and are now pursuing the Germans, being within 11 miles of Yelnya. The Wehrmacht have fortified the regions with heavily built permanent blockhouses and an elaborate system of trenches and entanglements which it was planned to use in the offensive against Moscow.

Flee In Disorder

The correspondent added that the enemy, fleeing in disorder left thousands of unburied soldiers. The Russians captured at least 102 guns, 200 machine-guns and 100,000 shells. The "Red Star" reported a Soviet counter-attack in the Gordostopol region, as the Nazis were crossing the River Netrek, a tributary of the Dnieper, 75 miles northwest of Kiev. Soviet artillery, tanks and aircraft hammered at panzer columns and destroyed hundreds of motor cars, trucks, mobile staff headquarters and large munition dumps.

The Russians also sank several ferries carrying infantry and artillery and prevented the Germans from crossing the river. The paper added that the tanks were strewn with thousands of enemy dead.

Russian Communiqué

MOSCOW, Sept. 9 (UP).—Tonight's communiqué states that fighting continued along the entire front. The Red Army and Black Sea Marines defending Odessa during the past ten days inflicted 20,000 casualties on the Rumanians and captured considerable booty.

Latest Berlin Claim

BERLIN, Sept. 9 (UP).—Competent German military quarters states that German troops have completely cut off Leningrad from Lake Ladoga and that it can be assumed that the German troops have contacted the Finnish troops on the Karelian Isthmus.

These claims mean that the only remaining route of communications for Leningrad by land or sea is the Gulf of Finland.

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Mr Churchill Sums Up The Progress of the War

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Sept. 9 (UP).—In one of the most optimistic speeches he has ever had the opportunity to make as Premier, Mr Winston Churchill in the House of Commons to-day sketched in rough outlines Britain's steadily improving war position and the plans to turn the Moscow-London-Washington triangle into a tempered spearhead against Berlin.

U.S. Ship Illuminated When Sunk by Nazis

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (UP).—It is unofficially stated that the American steamer Steel Seafarer was lighted when bombed, and she carried special lights illuminating the American flag.

Iraqi Army Retaining Its Arms Commons Query

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—The War Secretary, Captain David Margesson, announced in the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question that under the Armistice terms the Iraqi Army was permitted to retain its arms and equipment.

The Independent Member, Colonel J. C. Wedgwood, asked whether this was "not carrying appeasement to a ridiculous extent."

Captain Margesson replied that that was not the view taken by those responsible, otherwise this condition would not have been inserted in the Armistice terms.

The Labour Member, Mr Emmanuel Shinwell, asked whether precautions have been taken so that Iraqi arms would not be used against us.

Captain Margesson replied: "Yes."

Malayan Defence Extension

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, Sept. 9 (Domel).—The Malayan Government announced the extension of the Malaya coast defence area bordering on the China Sea to a point over 200 miles north of Singapore placing the entire eastern seaboard of Pahang under military control. The measure affects the mouths of Malay rivers flowing into the China Sea which are placed under military control.

Mr Campbell Out Of Danger

Mr J. G. Campbell, of the Public Works Department who was taken to the Kowloon Hospital on Sunday suffering from the effects of poisoning, was stated this morning to be out of danger.

AMERICAN SUPPLY SHIP SUNK OFF ICELAND

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (UP).—The State Department has been informed that the Panamanian steamer Sessa, operated by the United States, was torpedoed and sunk on August 17 off Iceland. Twenty-four persons, including an American lost their lives. Three survivors were picked up on September 6.

The Sessa was a former Danish vessel which was taken over by the Maritime Commission and operated by a New York firm in transporting supplies to Iceland. The State Department announced that the vessel carried foodstuffs, cereal, lumber and other general cargo owned by the Government of Iceland. No arms, ammunition or war implements were carried.

His optimism was sober and the speech lacked most of his usual verbal fireworks. But it was based on hard facts, such as the progress in the Battle of the Atlantic, the stubborn Russian resistance and the expanding striking power of the Empire's Middle East forces.

Eschew Rosy Dreams

The Prime Minister cautioned against rosy dreams for the future and pounded emphatically throughout the speech at the need for more effort, and more sacrifices here and in America to enable the Allies to finally attack throughout the vast arch-like front running from the Arctic almost to the equator.

He particularly emphasised the urgency for aiding Russia with every weapon and every pound of raw material—that the democracies spare saying that the collapse of Russia would cancel out every favourable factor in his tally sheet and make the whole war situation precarious in the extreme.

Astonishing Statement

Mr Churchill's astonishing statement that Britain during the past two months had accounted for three times the Axis shipping of the German submarines and U-boats could sink in part of the Battle of the Atlantic, was the most favourable light since France collapsed and Hitler had based his underwater fleet from Bergen to Bordeaux.

At the same time, he was forced to point out to Britain that the United States neutrality patrol was largely responsible for the drop in North Atlantic sinkings and that the Battle may be intensified on the United States side of the Atlantic the moment the necessity of halting American shipments outweighs the desire to avoid provoking the United States.

As a result of the favourable turn in the high seas warfare, Britain will probably import in 1941 an even greater tonnage of weapons, raw materials and foodstuffs than was thought possible when the year began. The announcement is of tremendous importance considering the difficult picture of the Battle of the Atlantic last spring when the sinkings far outstripped any possible compensation.

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Second Donation To Bomber Fund

A cheque for \$500 has been received from Messrs. Uloom and Assadumal Company, representing the firm's second donation to the Bomber Fund. In a letter accompanying the gift, the donors promise to contribute \$100 per month "as long as the Fund exists."

New Governor Arrives Welcomed At Pier

His Excellency Sir Mark Young, the new Governor of Hongkong, arrived this morning under rather unusual circumstances in that due to the exigencies of war the populace had to be informed by the sounding of the air raid siren two hours in advance.

The steamer by which the Governor-designate arrived was met outside the harbour by a launch in which were the Harbour Master, Commander J. Jolly, and Captain S. E. Batty-Smith, A.D.C. The official party was escorted into harbour by four Royal Air Force planes, which circled overhead as His Excellency disembarked at Queen's Pier.

Pier Reception

On landing, Sir Mark Young was received by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, who then introduced him to His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, Major-General C. M. Malby. His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, and Lady MacGregor, the Hon. Capt. A. C. Collinson and Group Captain T. S. Herry. Members of the Executive Council were then introduced, followed by

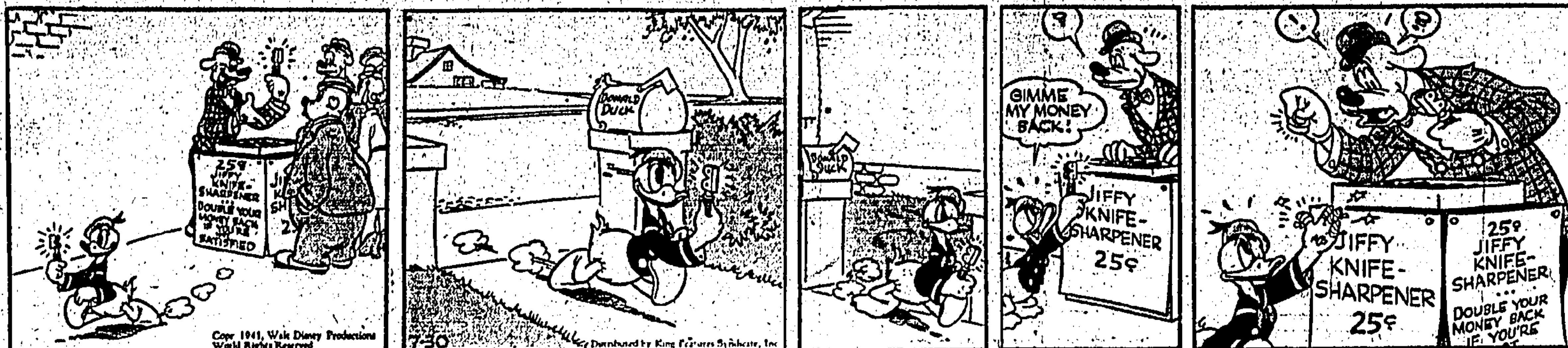
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By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Valuable Convention

THERE is one conventional bid that is not generally known and yet which is extremely valuable, especially against opponents who indulge in shut-out bidding. I refer to the four notrump overall, which is just another form of takeout double in the following deal South used this convention correctly, and it was only North's stubborn refusal to cooperate that spoiled the result.

Match-point duplicate.
West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

♠ A 6 3
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ 8 5 2
♣ Q 4

♠ 4
♥ 8 5 3 2
♦ J 10 6 5 3
♣ 2

♠ 8
♥ A Q J 6
♦ A K 4 3
♣ A K 8 7

The bidding:
West North East South
4 Pass Pass Pass
Pass Pass Pass 4NT

North, an experienced player, knew very well what South's four notrump bid demanded but, with a spade stopper of his own, and a king and queen on the side, he arbitrarily decided that notrump would be as good as any other contract. He was soon to regret this autocratic decision. Not that the contract was not made—it was. But North-South still came out with a bottom score, because every other team in the room played the hand in hearts and made six-odd.

South's bid had been conventional and forcing. The four notrump overall is a valuable bidding device invented for just such hands as South held. Very often, when a player has great strength in three suits, the bidding will be opened pre-emptively against him, and it then is his task to find his own best contract within the limited bidding space left him. Without the conventional four no-

How should this hand be bid?

We're All Wrong About Food

By Mrs Fred Maturin

(the traveller and travel writer)

WHAT is all this fuss about food? This argument, for example, about whether food-ships shall be allowed into "starving" France?

It is, I know, extremely hard to starve, even if you want to.

In fact, the war will teach the valuable lesson that the great majority of people have always eaten double—even treble—the quantity of food necessary for health.

Thousands of deaths occur yearly from over-eating, but very few from under-eating.

The African native keeps well and performs strenuous work on two small meals of grain a day. Often the grain is uncooked though mixed with water.

It is only when a shooting-party comes along and employs natives as servants and carriers, giving them double the food they ever had before, that they lose their health.

My own treks in Africa were an education on this point. At first, we began by over-feeding—our retinue—as well as ourselves.

We were used to it, like most Europeans. With us, ill-effects would begin only after middle-age.

A Sudden Change

But the servants and carriers changed suddenly. They had all sorts of pains—boils, sore throats, eyes, ears, noses and feet. They lost their spirits and became slack.

Settlers had warned us but we had to find out for ourselves.

It's queer how long it takes to learn some great truth in life. Some big shape-up is usually necessary. I got it on a trek from Nairobi into Abyssinia.

Near the border the party split up temporarily.

The Dutch driver, three of our friends, and most of the natives were going with the wagon, along the Old Slave Road.

My husband, myself, two friends and three native servants were taking a short cut across rough ground and virgin forest.

The two groups were to meet that evening at any easy landmark. We arrived there—the others didn't.

Almost Foodless

As it later transpired, they had lost themselves in a waterless desert, and several of the oxen had strayed off, making movement difficult.

Now the wagon had all our stores and food. Without it, in the wildest of wilds, we were in serious trouble.

We were hungry, cross, worried. But, at least there was a river nearby. We drank heartily and felt better.

That was the beginning of fourteen days with practically no food at all.

My husband had a rifle, but only one round of ammunition. The first morning he tried to kill a reed-buck with it, but missed.

"How long can people go without food?" he asked me. "A long time, with water, I've been told," I said. "Perhaps we'll see."

Then we had a piece of luck. The native cook who was with us produced a small bag of self-raising flour, a half-packet of table salt, and a few onions. He had been carrying them as a little standby for himself.

Food Truths

We decided to turn this small hoard into rations for two weeks. One teaspoonful of flour each per day, with half a small onion for dessert.

The flour was made into tiny flat cakes mixed with water and cooked over a wood fire.

For the first three days we felt very hungry indeed. But not ill.

After that, food didn't seem to matter much, so long as we drank plenty of water. All the time we worked hard in various ways and without feeling any weakness.

We made a bridge over the river. We made a hut of tree branches. On the morning of the fifteenth day, a scout from our party found us.

He brought food—a cooked ham—and four empty water-bags with a piteous note asking for water.

Although they had a large store of food, their water had given out after a few days—and within a week, through thirst, they were all too ill to move.

When we met them, they looked like shipwrecked mariners, while we had not felt so fit for years.

Even Doctors...

That experience helped to teach me that we are all wrong about food in the "civilised" parts of the world.

Only a few doctors understand the truth. One of them wrote thus to the Press some time ago:—

"I have a fine practice and many patients, most of whom are within four days of perfect health if they would do as I tell them."

"I have vainly assured them that they will not drop down dead if they will do a three or four-day fast, but will emerge cured of their ailments, and that if, after that, they will cut down their food to half they won't want me again."

"Will they do it? Not a bit of it!"

"They much prefer medicines, poultices, aches and pains, and even death."

"And so, my conscience being clear, I continue to build up a fine practice."

'Strongest Man In The World'

Killed By Cannon

Mr Warren Lincoln Travis was 5 feet 8. He weighed 220 pounds and he was a very strong man—much stronger, he boasted, than Eugene Sandow or Louis Cyr or Arthur Saxon. He once held in check two teams of heavy horses struggling off in either direction. He won the "Police Gazette" diamond belt in 1918 for feats of muscle. He was physical instructor to the Police Department under Theodore Roosevelt. Back in the days of the John L. Robinson circus, Mr Warren Lincoln Travis put his back to a platform bearing an upright piano and two horses. He lifted them off the ground. Thus he went through the years, never admitting that some time age might catch up with this mighty strength. But age did catch up at Coney Island soon after midnight recently. Mr Warren Lincoln Travis had just played to the last 16-year-old audience. He lifted a cannon that weighed 1,000 pounds and then sat down to rest. He never got up again. The "strongest man in the world" had died, 68.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



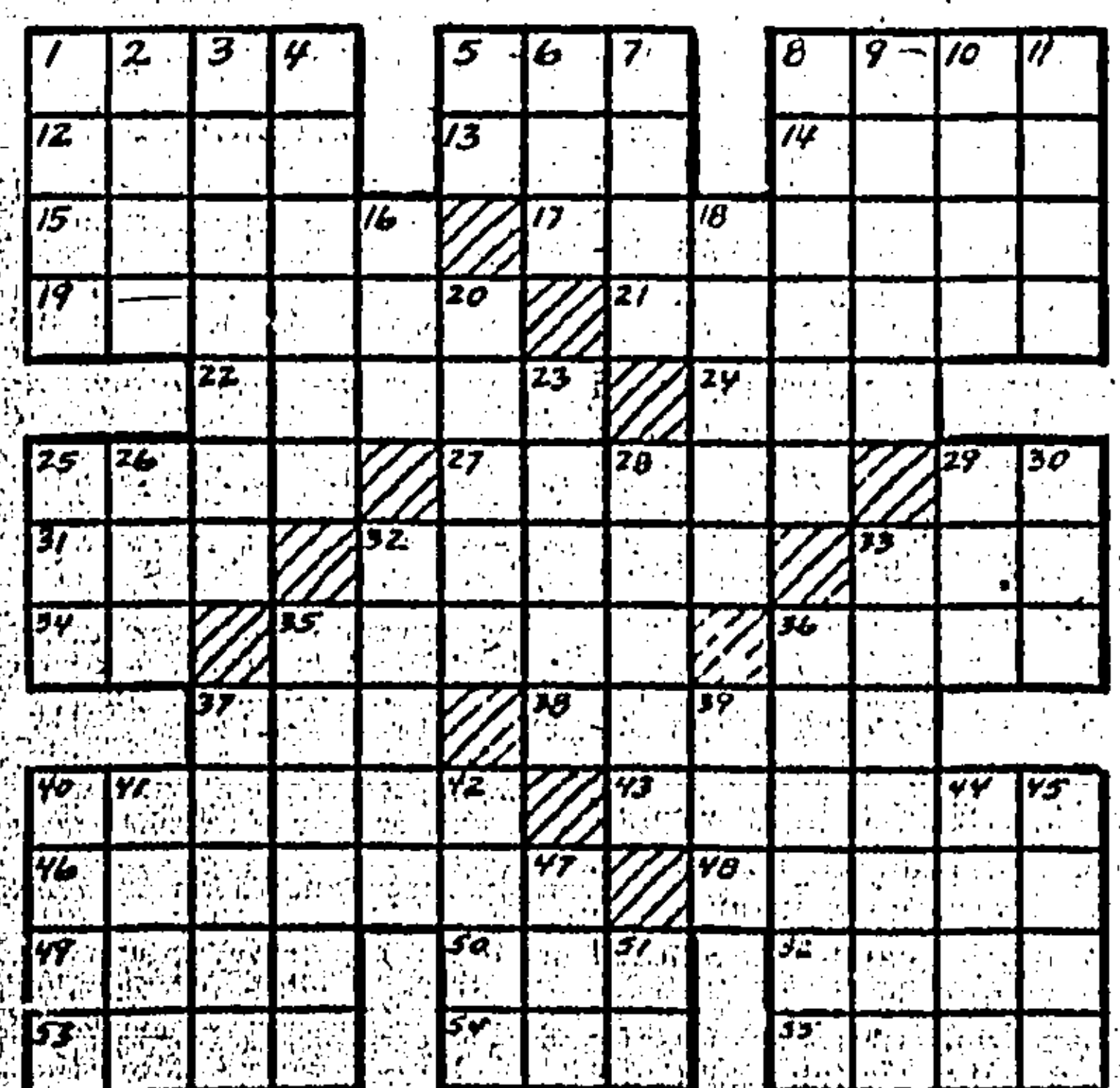
Why don't you open your mouth, Junior, and tell the General what all you learned in college?

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES

- ACROSS
- Young girl
 - Upper limb
 - Pass over without notice
 - In able manner
 - Place of window-seat
 - Isle of New Zealand
 - Marked with stripes
 - Long for something
 - Isolated port
 - Song of joy
 - Advance sign
 - Two per cent
 - College degree
 - Abbey
 - Free
 - Famous Year of Russia
 - Roundly man
 - Neat
 - Human household
 - Food
 - Offering of bargain
 - Marquise person
 - Land-dwelling used for dating
 - Wine observations
 - Instrumental composition
 - Birds who lived boisterously
 - Wonders of social standing
- DOWN
- Spilled liquid
 - Where French fight
 - Forward
 - Continuity of
 - Enterer river
 - English word
 - Staples
 - Re-enter dummy with the club
 - To inside of
 - Equal before the law
 - Water
 - One who scolds
 - One who sits
 - Prominent
 - Andean mountain money of account
 - Plague of flies
 - Formal dance
 - French
 - Author of "Fables in Blue"
 - Just in furniture
 - Candy of sugar and butter
 - Traditional story
 - Canoe fire boat
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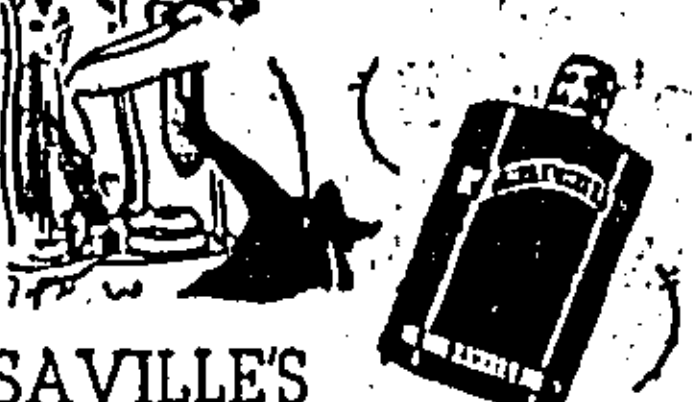
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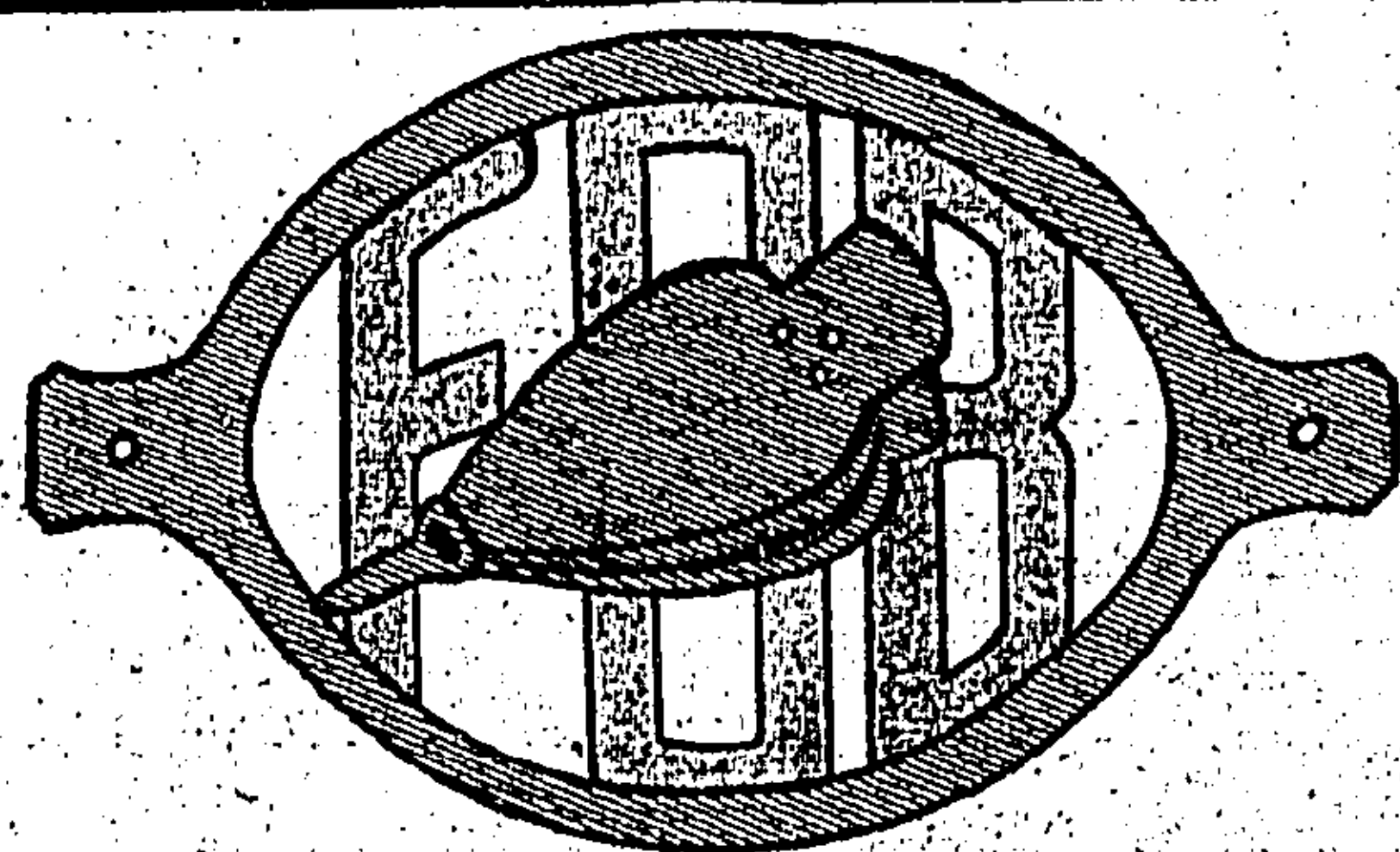
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SIR MARK YOUNG'S TASK

SIR Mark Young takes up the
reins of administration in Hong-
kong at one of the most critical
periods in the history of the
Colony, and the success which
he makes of his office rests not
only upon his personal ability,
but upon the lively and sympa-
thetic co-operation of the
community. This co-operation,
His Excellency may rest assured,
will be given freely, and,
judging from Sir Mark Young's
record as an administrator, it
will just as certainly be accept-
ed readily and with appreciation.

At this time the Colony feels,
more perhaps than ever before,
the need for vigorous and under-
standing leadership. Hongkong,
though it has not in some
respects felt the effects of the
European conflict in such a full
measure as other parts of the
Empire, has, nevertheless, a
number of problems arising
directly from the wars in
China and Europe; evacuation,
diminishing trade, depression
among the young local in-
dustries caused by inability to
secure raw materials, over-
population, and a constant state
of tension created by a political
situation which hangs over the
Colony like a heavy thunder
cloud.

This is not a pretty picture
to paint for a new Governor just
arriving, but it is hardly likely
that Sir Mark Young is expect-
ing any more attractive
canvas. Sir Mark has had con-
siderable experience in dealing
with delicate situations and
complex problems which call for
firm decisions based on sound
judgment, understanding, toler-
ance and goodwill, and it is in
this knowledge that Hongkong
welcomes His Excellency, with
renewed hope that, under his
administration, the many ills
which to-day beset the Colony,
will be eliminated.

The foundation for a better,
cleaner, healthier and more
prosperous Hongkong has
already been laid; circumstances
will probably arise to impede
progress to this end, but so long
as the objective is held in mind
the future will hold in store
something worth while. To
this end the Administration
and the community can work
together in harmony.

From scrap metal collected
from all over the world—
formerly the greater part
came from the United
States—Japan rushes arm-
ament production. Top
picture shows mechanics
in an armament factory
completing precision work
on gun barrels. Lower
left: Gun barrels in vari-
ous stages of manufacture.
Lower right: Japanese
girls working on percussion
caps for shells.

RUSSIA'S SECOND FRONT

By Leonard Engel

Russia's Red Army, now a
principal in the greatest and
most bitter struggle in military
history, differs from every other
important army in modern Eu-
rope in one vital respect at
least. It's designed to fight on
two fronts, only one of them
military.

The other is against the
slothfulness and backwardness
that crippled the Czarist Russia
overthrown by the weight of its
own blunders and a hardy band
of revolutionaries. In 24 years,
more than 20,000,000 Russians
have received military training.
They have also received instruc-
tion in modernism and then
purposely been sent out to carry
modernism to the remotest cor-
ners of the U.S.S.R.

The sort of training I mean
covers an extremely wide field
—everything from learning to
read to learning how to tighten
a screw and how to brush your
teeth.

These things are an integral
part of the 20th century. So is
literature, art, music, science.
The Red Army has waged war
on the home front to bring all
these things to Soviet Russia.

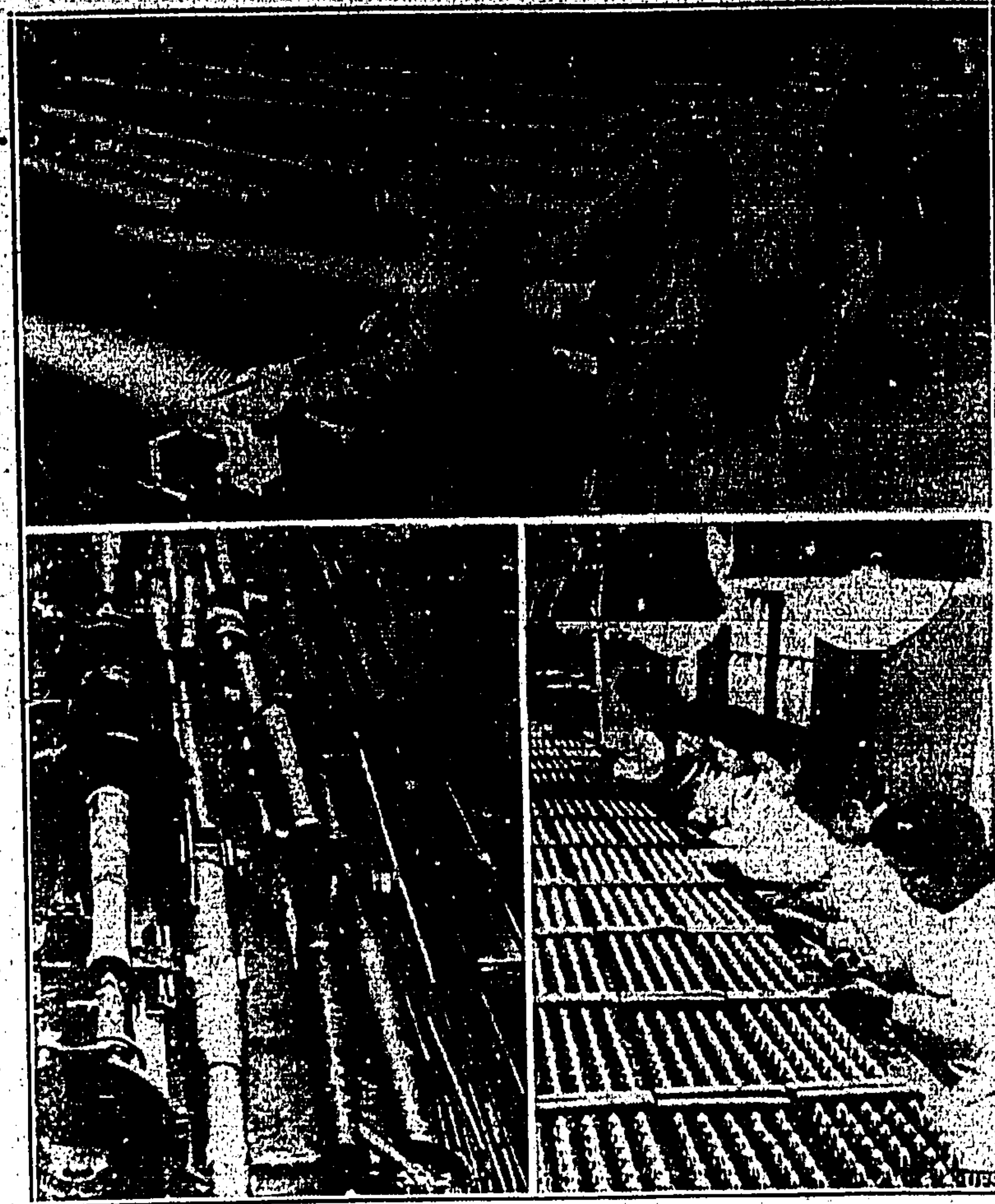
Modernism has been brought
to the Russian Army, Navy and
Air Force by three principal
means:

1. The training of a recruit
in his daily routine, in learning
how to take care of himself.
2. The regular military high
schools or "technicums," as
Europeans would call them,
where technical training some-
what beyond the American high
school, is given, and the higher
military academies. There are
60 technicums in the Army, and
32 each in the Navy and Air
Force. Academies total 14.
Biggest, the giant Frunze
Academy in Moscow. Oldest,
the Dzerzhinsky Artillery
Academy in Leningrad, founded
in 1820 as the Mikhailovsky
Artillery School, and renamed
after the revolution for the first
head of the Russian secret
police. These schools provide
scores of thousands of men a
year with basic technical train-
ing to which field training
adds specific mechanised mili-
tary skills.

3. An extensive chain of
spare-time study clubs, drama
leagues, orchestras and what-
have-you based on the "Lenin
rooms" found in every Red
Army barracks, and the Red
Army Houses in each military
area. The Government has
built and furnished the Red
Army houses and Lenin rooms
with everything from gymnastic
equipment and chess sets to
huge libraries and theatres.
The biggest theatre in Moscow
is the Central Red Army The-
atre. A major Red Army off-
duty-time activity is its bullet-
in board newspapers. Until
recently, the job of teaching
illiterate recruits (now encoun-
tered only rarely) was taken
care of through the Lenin room
study circles.

The Soviet Government has
been quick to put to use what
it has taught its soldiers. The
first thousands of tractor drivers
on Soviet farms were ex-tank
drivers. At one time teaching
villagers to brush their teeth
was made a solemn military
duty. Discharged soldiers are
encouraged to form army-like
study circles in villages.

The war for modernism is
suspended to-day. But if Hit-
ler did bite off more than he can
chew, it will be resumed.



SPOTLIGHT ON TOKYO TODAY

THIRD ARTICLE:

Movement South

BY
H. O. THOMPSON

Former Tokyo Manager
of the United Press

Company, the Nomura Trading
Company and the Dai-nippon Com-
pany.

Itinerant Japanese medicine
peddlers, carrying their wares
through the jungles and sleep-
ing in trees to escape tigers and
boars, were the forerunners of
Japan's present southward ad-
vance.

The merchants who first went
into Malaya, Siam and French
Indo-China nearly 50 years ago
have been replaced now by cor-
porations who want to deal in
rubber, oil and tin instead of
patent medicines.

Japan believes that access to
those materials is vital to her
continued existence. She would
be willing to fight for them if
she can obtain them in no other
way.

In the four years of the Sino-
Japanese war, the number of
Japanese residents in China in-
creased from 86,000 to 510,000.
Restrictions on immigration
have kept the Japanese popula-
tion in the East Indies and the
Philippines fairly static in re-
cent years, but Japanese now
are pouring into French Indo-
China and Thailand with the
idea of developing the rich re-
sources of these regions.

The ratio of six to one by
which the Japanese population
in China has increased would be
equalled or exceeded in any
South Seas country to which the
Japanese could gain access.

THAILAND

The present emphasis in the
Japanese press upon Thailand
indicates that Japan wants fur-
ther privileges for exploitation
and trading there. Some of the
same products which come from
the East Indies are available in
Thailand, and expansion in the
latter country would be at less
risk of war than would be the
case in the Indies.

The Japanese already have
formed companies which are
operating in Thailand, and
plenty of Japanese capital
would be available if the opera-
tions were increased. Japan
would be treading on British in-
terests there but would hope to
avoid a frontal clash.

The big and powerful Mitsui
interests, already operating
in southern Thailand—rubber
and tin—and another great Ja-
panese firm, Mitsubishi, either
has started a branch there or
will soon. Other companies
there are the Dai-ichi Trading

The latter three companies
are buying rubber. Mitsubishi
is mining tin. Toko Company
is mining wolfram.

The British got in ahead of
the Japanese on development of
this region, which is adjacent to
Malaya. Japanese firms thus
far have been able to obtain
only about 150 tons of tin
monthly. Japanese firms have
been obtaining around 2,000
tons of rubber per month.

If Japan could get control of
Thailand's entire rubber and tin
output, it would improve the na-
tion's economic position to a
great extent.

HOW FAR?

With the powerful Mitsui and
Mitsubishi interests eager to in-
crease their operations in Thai-
land, it is natural for the
government to support them in
every possible way. How far
they are prepared to go remains
to be seen.

Japan has made much of her
friendship for Thailand and re-
cently was the arbiter in a dis-
pute between Thailand and
French Indo-China. Japan ap-
parently now has become a
Vichy-recognised protector of
Indo-China in a move regarded
by the United States as one of
"conquest". She may extend
to Thailand the same kind of
"protection" afforded Indo-
China.

If Thailand wants none of
that sort of protection, the Ja-
panese could make an issue out
of the activities in Tokyo of
Phya Sri Senna, Thai Minister
in Japan. The Japanese have been build-
ing up a quiet campaign against
Senna, saying he is of Chinese
descent, and entirely unsym-
pathetic with Japan's friendly

areas have proved successful,
only through Japanese ingenu-
ity and endurance.

The number of Japanese residents
in French Indo-China jumped from
234 to many thousands after the vari-
ous deals by which Japanese army
and navy men and representatives
of Japan's industry and commerce
opened that country to development
by Japanese firms.

The Japanese want rice, coal, tin
and iron from Indo-China. At one
time they also wanted sand, and
the story around Tokyo was that
they specified that the sand must
come only from Camranh Bay and
be loaded only in Japanese ships.
The French laughed that one off,
but apparently the Japanese now
have got their sand.

SOUTH SEAS

Lumber also comes from the South
Sea regions, and Japan needs lum-
ber for pulp from which to make
rayon and staple fibre goods.

There are some 30 Japanese firms
dealing in rubber in the South Seas
but they represent only a small pro-
portion of the output. The Japan-
ese have only about 1/30th of the
total invested capital in the South
Seas and they believe that to be
much too small a proportion.

The type of exploitation done by
the Japanese in China may be taken
as an illustration of what might
happen in the South Seas under sim-
ilar conditions. The usual procedure
in China was for the Japanese to
take over 61 percent of the stock
and then operate the industry as if
they owned it all. The term applied
to this sort of venture was "Joint
Sino-Japanese undertaking".

SPREADING OUT

The population increases in China
were greater in North China than
in other sections. That was the sec-
tion first "pacified" by the Japanese,
and businessmen and industrialists
were quick to follow up the pioneer-
ing by the Japanese Army. North
China now has a Japanese popula-
tion of about 350,000, as compared
with the 43,108 Japanese residents
there on July 7, 1937, when the
shooting began at the Marco Polo
bridge.

The number of Japanese travellers
in the Orient is always a source of
wonderment to foreigners. The
ships between Kobe and Shanghai
and between Kobe and Dairen
and between Kobe and Tientsin
are always loaded to capacity.
The trains across Korea be-
tween Japan and China are crowded
daily to such an extent that it is im-
possible for a traveller to force his
way through the aisles from what-
ever coach he happens to be riding
in to the dining car.

All these conditions have arisen
since the beginning of the China war
in 1937 and show a busy, energetic
race spreading out in all directions
from the Japanese home islands.
To describe the life of
foreigners in present-day Japan
and what they have to live up
to is a task in itself.

MR CHURCHILL REVIEWS WAR FRONTS IN CHEERING VEIN

LONDON, Sept 9 (Reuter).—Continuing his statement in the House of Commons, Mr Winston Churchill said that the enemy had been employing a greater number of U-boats and a larger number of long-range aircraft than ever before and we must expect further increases.

"We have made prodigious exertions and our resources are continually growing but the Admiralty staff, who have been working in perfect harmony with the Royal Air Force, would be the last to guarantee their continuance as a matter of course and the slightest relaxation of vigilance, of exertion and contrivance would be followed swiftly by very serious relapses.

"The Germans are very much hampered on the American parts of the Atlantic by fear of trouble with powerful American naval forces which ceaselessly control the approaches to the Western Hemisphere. This has been a help to us. I could wish that it might be of greater help but here again the enemy's tactics may change.

"No doubt Hitler would rather finish off Russia, then Britain, before coming to close quarters with the United States. That would be in accordance with his usual technique of one by one.

"Hitler has, however, also the greatest need to prevent the precious munitions and supplies now streaming across the Atlantic in pursuance of the policy of the United States Government from reaching our shores. Should he do so, the area of the danger zones will again become worldwide.

"In the meanwhile let us hear no vain talk about the battle of the Atlantic being won. We may be content with the successes which have rewarded patience and exertion, but war is inexhaustible in its surprises.

Visit To Iceland

"With great pleasure on my homeward voyage I visited Iceland where we were received with the utmost cordiality by the Government and people and where I had the honour of reviewing large numbers of strong British and United States forces which no doubt due to entirely different reasons and in pursuance of separate duties happened to be engaged jointly in defending this all-important island and stepping-stone across the Atlantic from Nazi intrusion and attack.

"Very considerable British and United States air and naval forces are also assembled in Iceland. The spacious airfields which we have constructed and are expanding there and in Newfoundland will play an ever-increasing part in the control of these broad waters and, in the continual flow of the broadening stream of heavy bombers now acting against Germany night after night will play a decisive part or one of the decisive parts in the final victory.

Eastern Theatre

"Our efforts have also prospered in the eastern theatre of war. Our relations with Iraq are governed by a Treaty of Alliance which in time of war or other emergency accords to us wide powers for the purpose of defending Iraqi and British interests.

After reference to German infiltration and intrigue and the flight of the pro-German Raschid Ali, Mr Churchill said: "This move did not find us wholly unprepared. We had the right and duty to protect our communications through Iraq and orders were immediately given to send to Basra an Indian division which had been held in readiness for this emergency. Hoping perhaps to secure from us recognition of his illegal regime, Raschid Ali pretended to welcome the arrival of our troops."

Value Of Crete War

Mr Churchill traced the progress of operations in Iraq and said that Raschid Ali appealed constantly to the Germans to fulfil their promises but only 30 or 40 German aeroplanes arrived from Syria and endeavoured tentatively to instal themselves to Baghdad and in the north at Mosul.

There was an explanation of this German failure. The German parachute air-borne corps, which was doubtless to have operated in Iraq and would have been assisted on their journey across Syria by the Vichy French had been largely exterminated in the Battle of Crete. Over 4,000 of these specialist troops were killed and very large numbers of aircraft carriers were destroyed. This specialist corps was so mauled in the ferocious fighting that although they forced us to evacuate Crete they were in no condition for further operations.

With the new Iraqi Government we have been able to return to a basis of friendly co-operation which we propose to follow. The Treaty is now being loyally observed on both sides. There are still dangers in Iraq which require attention but cause for no major anxiety.

Intigue In Syria

"The Germans' intrigue with the Vichy French in Syria had meanwhile been in full swing and the Vichy French Governor General Dentz in a base and treacherous manner was striving his utmost to further German interests.

"Our armies in Greece had been evacuated, having lost much equipment.

"Our western front in Cilicia had been beaten in by an incursion of General von Rommel's German African Corps and we had a revolt in Iraq to suppress. Nevertheless we found it possible, in conjunction with the Free French, to invade Syria. The Free French battalion fought gallantly in co-operation with our forces which ultimately reached the equivalent of about four divisions.

"Australian and Indian troops distinguished themselves repeatedly in action.

Cyprus And Levant

"The occupation of Syria by the Army of the Nile carried with it the means of securing the safety of Cyprus and all this part of the Levant came into a far more satisfactory position.

"Our naval and air control over the eastern and the Mediterranean became effective and we obtained direct contact with our Russian

friends and control of the pipeline and other resources.

"We do not seek to replace or supplant France or substitute British for French interests in any part of Syria. We are only in Syria to win. However, I must make it clear that our policy to which our Free French Allies have subscribed, is that Syria shall be handed back to the Syrians who will assume at the earliest possible moment their independent sovereign rights. We do not propose that the process of creating an independent Syrian Government or governments shall wait until the end of the war. We contemplate constantly increasing the Syrians' share in administration.

French Privilege

"There is no question of France maintaining the same position which she exercised in Syria before the war and which the French Government had realised must come to an end. On the other hand, we recognise that among all European nations, the position of France in Syria is one of special privilege and so far as any European countries have influence in Syria, that of France will be pre-eminent. We did not go to Syria to deprive France of her long historic position there except insofar as it is necessary to fulfil our obligations to the Syrian population.

"There must be a substitution even in wartime of more substitution of Free French interests for Vichy French interests.

"I was asked a question about our relations with Iraq. They are special and our relations with Egypt are special in the same way. I conceive these broad waters will have special arrangements with Syria. The independence of Syria is the prime feature in our policy.

Boasts Prove Empty

"Meanwhile, on the eastern flank of the Army of the Nile, the army struck two heavy blows at German and Italian forces which have recaptured Cilicia. These forces found themselves unable to advance upon Egypt as had been foreseen without destroying the stronghold of Tobruk, which was firmly held by Australian and British troops.

"Heavy attacks by our forces in the Western Desert in the middle of May and June, while they did not succeed as we hoped in forcing the enemy to retreat, played a great part in bringing him to a standstill. All the widely circulated German boasts that they would be in Suez by the end of May have thus proved to be in vain.

Reinforcement Of Nile

"Powerful reinforcements have reached the Army of the Nile in the interval and I feel considerable confidence that we shall be able to defend our position successfully from a German invasion across the Western Desert. Thus the position both on the western and eastern flanks of the Nile Valley has been greatly improved. A marked recovery has been made from the unfortunate setback coming after the victories over April. Altogether we are entitled to be content with these favourable developments. Now I turn to a far wider field.

Russian War

"The magnificent resistance of the Russian armies and the skillful manner in which their vast front has been withdrawn in the teeth of the Nazi invasion makes it certain that Hitler's hopes of a short war with Russia will be dispelled. Already in three months, he has lost more German lives than was shed in any single year of the last war. Already he faces the certainty of having to maintain his armies on the whole front from the Arctic to the Black Sea at the end of long, inadequate, assailed and precarious lines of communication through all the severity of the Russian winter with vigorous counter-attacks which may be expected from the Russian Army.

"From the moment that Russia was attacked, we have cast about for every means of giving the most speedy and effective help to our new ally. Discussions of military subjects which have been examined would be harmful will it be possible arguments on such questions.

Supplies To Allies

"In the field of supply more can be said. I agreed with President Roosevelt upon the message which was sent to M. Stalin. The need is urgent and the scale is heavy. A considerable part of the munitions and iron and steel production of the Russian Empire has fallen into enemy hands. On the other hand, the Soviet losses of from 10 to 15 million soldiers for nearly all of whom they have equipment and arms.

"To aid in the supply of these estimates to enable them to realise their long continuing force and to organise the operation of their armies will be the task of the Anglo-American-Russian Conference. There has been no avoidable delay in arranging for this conference or in choosing the personnel of the British Mission. Some people speak of the 'whole problem' as being 'casually proceeding in the United States and here, and we are waiting the arrival of the American

Mission under Mr Averell Harriman which I trust will soon be here.

Beaverbrook At Head

"Our Mission will be headed by Lord Beaverbrook, who has already been in close conference with the President. We already have a military mission with officers of high rank in Moscow. Those whom Lord Beaverbrook takes with him will therefore, supplement those who are already there. The names are already selected and will be published in due course. It is obviously undesirable to announce the date but no time will be lost.

"Meanwhile many very important emergency decisions are being taken and large supplies are on the way. We must be prepared for serious sacrifices in the munitions field to meet Russia's needs (Cheers). The German exertion will be required from all concerned in production not only to help Russia but to fill the gaps which must now be opened in our long-sought and at last arriving supply.

Limitations

"Everything given to Russia is subtracted from what we are making ourselves or in part at least from the United States. The flow of our own production in Britain and the Empire is still rising. It will reach full flood during the third year of wartime munitions production.

"If the United States are to fulfil the task they have set themselves, very large installations will have to be established in production and there will have to be further curtailment of civilian consumption over there as they fully recognise. We may ourselves expect a definite reduction in military supplies from America, on which we had counted, but with certain limits we are prepared to accept those facts.

"Our limiting factors, like time, distance and geography impose themselves upon us. There are limitations of transport and harbour facilities. Above all there is the limitation of shipping.

Open Routes

"Only three routes are open—the Arctic by air, the Persian Gulf by sea, and the Eastern route via Vladivostok which is scowled upon by the Japanese and operates over 7,000 miles of railway lines; and the route across Persia which leads over a 500-mile stretch from the Persian Gulf into the great inland sea, the Caspian, upon which the Russians maintain a strong naval force and which gives access to the very heart of Russia, namely the Volga Basin.

"The Germans were of course busy belting Persia with their usual tricks. German tourists, missions and diplomats were suborning the people and government with the object of creating a fifth column which would dominate the Government of Tehran and not only seize or destroy oil fields which are of the highest consequence but—a fact to which I attach extreme importance—to close the surest and shortest route whereby we could reach Russia.

Demands On Iran

"We thought it necessary, therefore, to ensure that these machinations did not succeed. Accordingly we demanded from the Persian Government the immediate expulsion of their Teutonic visitors. We must have the surrender into our hands of all Germans and Italians who are on the premises (Cheers).

"We must have the expulsion of the German and Italian Legations whose diplomatic status we of course respect.

"We must have unquestioned control and maintenance of through communications from the warm-water port of Basra to the Caspian Sea (Cheers). It is from this point particularly that American supplies can be carried into the centre of Russia in an ever-widening flow—into Persia's supplies as well.

"Every effort will be made to improve railway communications and expand the volume of supplies which can be transported over the existing British gauge railway which has happily only recently been completed and now requires only a large excess of rolling stock and locomotives to expand it greatly as a line of supply.

Drastic Measures

"I have no doubt that the House will approve the somewhat drastic measures we thought it right to take to achieve those important objects (Cheers) and further measures we may have to take. The occupation of Persia enables us to join hands with the southern flank of the Russian Army and to bring into action there both the military and air forces. It also serves important British objects in presenting a shield which should bar the eastward advance of the German invader.

"In this, the summer of India whose military quality becomes shiningly apparent, will play an increasing part and in so doing will keep the scourge of war a thousand miles or more from the homes of the peoples of India. One must, therefore, estimate very considerable deployments of British and Indian forces, probably of Dominion forces will gradually manifest themselves in this enormous and desolate and ill-allied front.

Long Allied Front

"The Allied front now runs in an immense crescent from Spitzbergen in the Arctic to Tobruk in the Western Desert and our action of this front will be the British and Empire armies with their long and strong, fed and equipped by ocean-borne supplies from Britain, United States, India and Australasia, am glad to say that adequate naval power will be at hand both in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans to secure the sea routes against attack. If we now look back for a moment, we can measure the solid improvement in our position in the Middle East or east which has been achieved since the French suddenly fell out of the war and the Italians made haste to eagerly to come in against us.

"At that date all we had in those parts was about 80,000 to 100,000 men starved of munitions and equipment which had been sent to the French front—always first to claim the best that we had. We had lost our means of safe communication through the Mediterranean and almost all main bases on which we relied. We were anxiously concerned for our defence of Nairobi, Khartoum, British Somaliland and above all of the Nile Valley and Palestine, including the cities of Cairo and Jerusalem. None was safe but nevertheless after a little more than a year we had managed to gather very large and well-equipped armies which already began to approach 750,000 men with vast masses of equipment of all kinds.

"We have developed an air force almost as large as we had in Britain when war began and it is rapidly expanding. We have conquered the whole Italian Empire, have driven prisoner Italian armies of over 400,000 men, whereby these regions were defended.

"We have defended the frontiers of Egypt against German and Italian attacks. We have consolidated our position in Palestine and Iraq. We have taken effective control of Syria and provided for the security of Cyprus.

"Finally by a swift and vigorous campaign in Persia we have joined hands with our Russian allies and stand in line to bar the further eastward progress of the enemy.

"Respect Of History
"Whatever the future may contain these are achievements which will earn the respect of history. Thus for we have travelled along a terrible road, which we chose at the call of duty. The mood of Britain is wisely and rightly averse from every form of premature exultation.

"This is not the time for boast or gloating prophecies but there is this—a year ago, our posteriors were torn and well-nigh desperate to all eyes but our own. To-day we may say before an awestruck world, 'We are still master of our fate. We are still Captain of our soul.'"

Opposition Parties Show Approval

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—The spokesman of the Opposition Front Bench, Mr. Lees-Smith (Labour), speaking in the House of Commons, debate said he felt that in our present position there were grounds for solid satisfaction as compared with the first anniversary of the war. There had been four great turning points in the war. First, the fall of France, second, the Battle of Britain, third, the Leningrad and fourth, the marvellous Russian resistance which surprised not only the German High Command but every General Staff in the world.

Mr. Lees-Smith said he would like the eight point declaration to be delayed so that it should be published to the people of Europe when the right moment arrived.

If any land force were to be sent on to the continent of Europe, he hoped that it would be so prepared that it would be able to advance "because we do not want to put a force there that will have to be on the defensive all the time."

Exploits Of Navy
He especially congratulated the exploits of the Royal Navy in the last few days in the Mediterranean. He said its successful operations have been at the very heart of what is most likely to be the winter campaign. Egypt is one of the countries suitable for a winter campaign and immense efforts which Hitler was making to transport supplies across the Mediterranean indicate that he is as aware of the fact as we are.

"If we can provide Russia with equipment we deprive Germany of the one long-run advantage she has up to now, namely, that we could not compete with her in actual manpower."

Liberal Leader
Sir Percy Harris (Liberal leader), endorsed the necessity of giving every help to Russia. He was urged that anyone should quibble about this or that phrase in the Atlantic Charter.

"It was signed by two of the greatest men of our generation and it provides a foundation on which we can build."

He would like the Charter to be endorsed by the House of Commons and by the United States Congress and then confirmed by all Allied Governments.

Joe Louis Drafted
CHICAGO, Sept. 9 (UP).—The draft board to-day announced that Joe Louis had been placed in class 1-A and will probably be inducted into the service in October. He must take a physical examination shortly.

RADIO'S PART IN AIR WAR

LONDON.—"In Germany and Italy, apart from other evidence, it is remarkable how increasingly the enemy find it necessary, in addressing their own listeners, to attack British broadcasts. They obviously follow these closely and they attack them day by day; although their own listeners have nominally been prohibited all along and with heavy penalties, from listening to foreign broadcasts."

This opinion was expressed by Director General of the British Broadcasting Corporation P. W. Ogilvie, when he spoke to India on the first anniversary of the B. C. broadcasts in Hindustani.

This was the reply to friends from India, he said, who often asked about the progress of war-time broadcasting in Europe, particularly in enemy countries and in those which lay for the moment under Adolf Hitler's heel. And they wanted to know, too, about the effects of listening.

In occupied countries—Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Holland, Belgium, France, the Balkans—Mr Ogilvie said, there is evidence, not merely that people listen, and listen intently, but that their courage is upheld by their listening, and their minds kept alert for action in due course.

"V" For Victory

Even now, at the present moment, the countryside and towns in certain places were being covered in response to the British broadcasts, with the letter "V," initial letter and proud symbol in many languages, of the word "Victory" or Freedom. To see those "V's" carved on tree trunks, stencilled on walls, scrawled on dusty mudguards of German trucks, being hoisted and sent to the oppressed. And the oppressor, seeing them, knows and is afraid.

Billeting Ban On Wives

WIVES of officers and men stationed in Dorsetshire who have been staying with their husbands in billets have been told that either they or their husbands must leave the billets.

This is a result of an order issued by the commanding officer of the division. The order will be strictly applied and officers have been told that in future they must regard the mess as their home.

There has been wide discussion whether soldiers should be allowed to share billets with their families, particularly in defence areas, but this is only the second order made on the subject.

Recently, a similar order was issued by the commanding officer in the Hertfordshire area.

Not General
A War Office official said that the authorities have no intention of making a general order.

"The matter can safely be left to the discretion of the commanding officer, who knows local conditions," he said.

The opinion of those who oppose wives and husbands sharing billets is that in peace-time soldiers regard the barracks as their home, and the fact that under war conditions they must live in billets should not, alter this view of army life.

U.S. NEW ENVOY TO THAILAND

SINGAPORE, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—The new American Minister to Thailand, Mr. Willis R. Peck, arrived in the same clipper here to-day as Mr. A. Duff Cooper, the British Minister.

Mr. Peck and Mr. Duff Cooper travelled all the way from the United States together and took the opportunity to have a number of frank talks which both state will probably be very useful in future.

Wodehouse Replies To His Critics

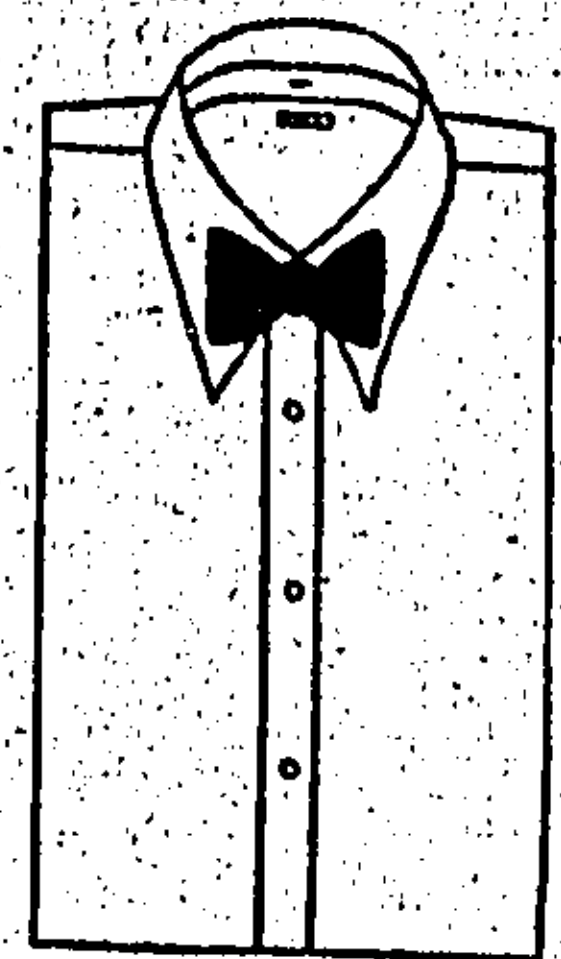
The English author, P. G. Wodehouse, in a broadcast over the German radio, answered attacks on his action in speaking over the air from Germany by stating: "My talks are designed simply to acknowledge the hundreds of sympathetic letters from Americans."

"My broadcasts have caused violent attacks against me in Britain, but I am still not able to see anything in the broadcasts which would not be printed in any English newspaper."

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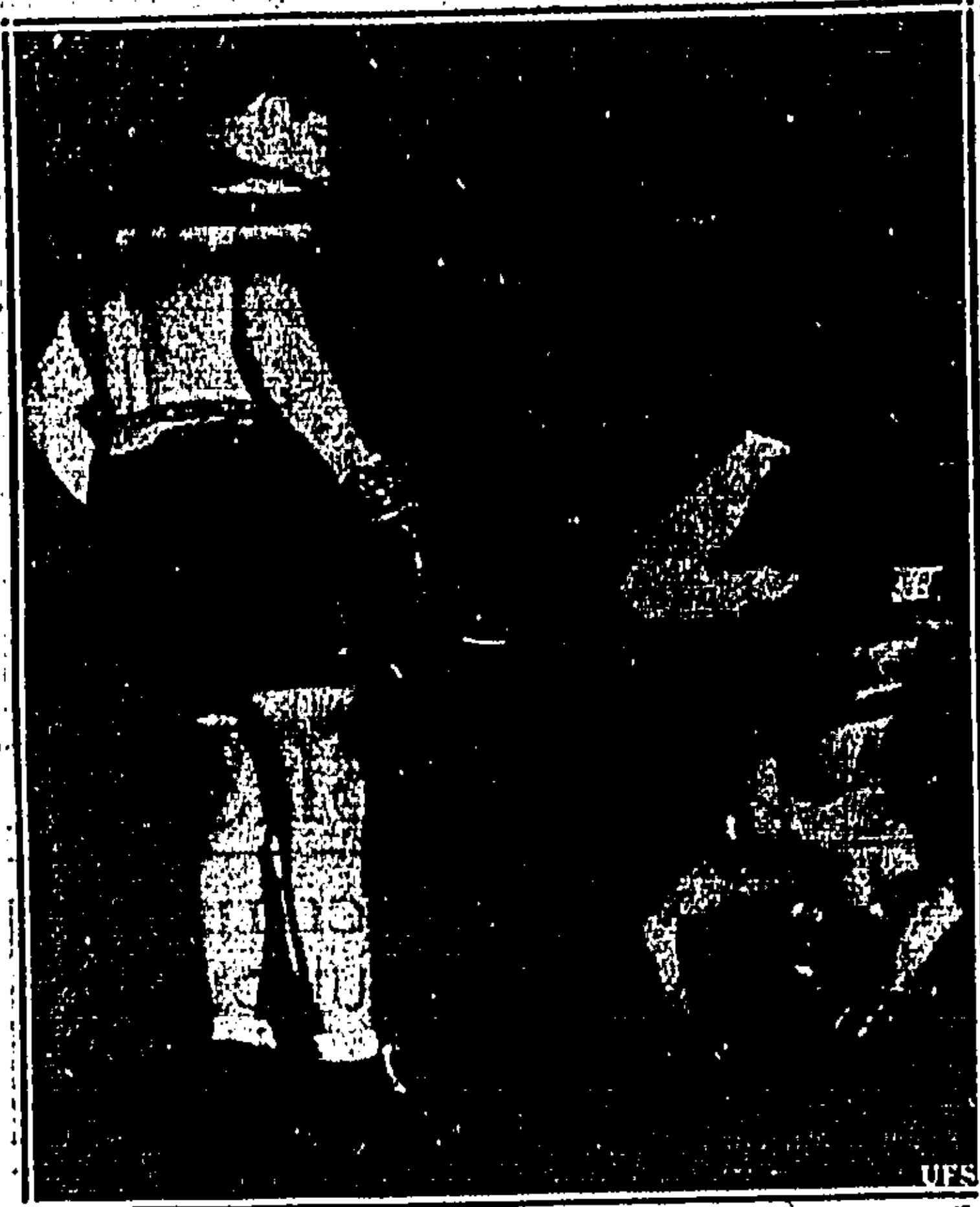
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Around The Courses

Colony Championship On October 26



CAN'T FIGHT THIS WAY — In preliminary bout at Madison Square Garden, New York, recently, Mike Belotte of the Bronx viewed the world upside-down, after Bobby Ruffin of Astoria, L. I., knocked him through the ropes.

Lawn Bowls Championship

Several Close Matches In Yesterday's Schedule

SEVERAL close matches featured yesterday's programme in the First Round of the Colony Singles Lawn Bowls Championship. In many games, the scoring over the last two or three heads was the deciding factor.

Results were:

At Kowloon B.G.C.

J. G. Meyer beat R. Duncan 21-20 on the 25th.
W. L. Walker beat L. Sykes 21-17 on the 25th.

At Kowloon F.C.

J. Shepherd beat A. Hyde Lay 21-20 on the 25th.
T. A. Medar beat J. F. McGowan 21-6 on the 18th.

At Kowloon C.C.

Y. Abbas beat H. Baslo 21-15 on the 22nd.

At Craigengower

C. Downman beat W. McLeod 21-15 on the 25th.
A. Brooksbank beat S. H. Marvin 21-9 on the 17th.

At Hongkong F.C.

W. Mair beat C. S. Rossetti 21-17 on the 23rd.
A. M. Omar beat J. S. Riddell 21-5 on the 13th.

At Police R.C.

H. Overy beat J. S. Landolt 21-10 on the 25th.
S. M. Rumjahn beat W. V. Field 21-18 on the 23rd.

At C.S.C.C.

M. R. Abbas beat C. Gowland 21-19 on the 21st.
J. Lapsley beat K. M. Omar 21-18 on the 25th.

Fighting Finish

J. G. MEYER beat R. Duncan in what was truly a fighting finish. Every five heads the score levelled, with each alternately taking the lead in between. Meyer was ahead for the first four heads, then Duncan gradually took over charge until the 10th, when the score was 10-11, and it levelled again at 11-11 on the 14th.

A fine three on the 20th gave Duncan the lead at 10-15, but once again Meyer got back to level terms at 17-17 on the 23rd.

Up till then it had been anybody's game, but when Duncan registered another great three on the 24th—which brought his score to within one of victory, while Meyer was 17—the match seemed over.

Duncan needed one to win and Meyer four, and the latter got those four by singles on the last four heads. Each head had its fine moments, and Meyer is to be congratulated not only for his win over such a good opponent, but for his fighting finish.

Another Fine Duel

W. L. WALKER and L. Sykes were seen in a second fine duel at the Kowloon B.G.C., the former winning 21-17 after the scores were dead-locked 17-17 on the 24th. Sykes opened in convincing style, and had scored six before Walker found touch. Then, with two 2's and a 3 he drew level at 7-11, and from then on it was a pendulum struggle, with Walker ever having the slight edge.

The score went 11-9, 12-10, 15-12, 16-11, 17-15, 17-16 and finally 17-11. A close single on the 25th put Walker in the lead, and he bowled brilliantly on the last head to score his 3 for victory.

Unavailing Bid

A. HYDE LAY made a gallant but unavailing bid for honours when he met J. Shepherd at the Kowloon F.C. Shepherd won 21-20 after the score levelled at 20-20 on the second last head. Hyde Lay's play was changing fast. First one then the

To-day's Fixtures

CHAMPIONSHIP fixtures for to-day are:

Singles

E. de Souza v. C. W. Lam (at Kowloon B.G.C.).
R. M. McKenzie v. M. N. Rakusen, and J. McCutcheon v. T. Coleman (at Kowloon F.C.).
W. V. Harris v. J. Hayward, and R. M. Oden v. M. E. Purvis (at Police R.C.).
A. G. Gratton v. J. H. Gelling, and B. A. Mansell v. A. W. Hlcock (at Kowloon F.C.).
W. J. Bagley v. W. C. Higgs (at Police R.C.).
D. M. Khan v. G. J. Perkins, and W. Simpson v. U. M. Omar (at Civil Service C.C.).
A. M. Holland v. V. S. Ebbage (at Craigengower).

Pairs

W. L. Walker and R. Duncan v. M. J. Bobbington and J. F. McGowan (at Kowloon F.C.).
L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro v. D. A. Rosrio and J. S. Landolt (at Civil Service C.C.).

other was in front, until the score levelled at 10-11 on the 21st. Then Shepherd recorded a devastating 4 to put himself within reach of victory, but Hyde Lay was far from done. He edged through to score a single on the 23rd and then proceeded to add 3 to the again at 20-21.

The last head was tense. Shepherd took the count at 2, but almost every word sent down had spectators on edge.

Win For Wally Mair

WALLY MAIR scored one of his finest wins to date when he eliminated C. S. Rossetti 21-17 at the Hongkong F.C. He had led all the way, but Rossetti drew down to 17-19 on the 22nd, at which stage there was little to choose between the bowlers.

The last head was Mair's triumph. He claimed 3 to defeat a very worthy opponent.

From Behind

J. LAPSLEY came from behind to beat K. M. Omar 21-19 at the Civil Service C.C. It was again a story of a fighting finish. Lapsley's first break came when he drew for a 4 on the 20th to put him within one shot of Omar, who had led all the way. The score then was 17-16.

Omar went slightly further ahead with a single on the next end, but Lapsley scored two singles to draw level at 18-18, and then another single to lead 19-18. Then he scored yet again on the next end and with his 2 won a fine match.

A Close Call

M. R. ABBAS had a close call when he almost went under to C. Gowland at the C.S.C.C. Gowland and McCutcheon, it will be remembered, put it over Abbas and A. R. Dullah in the Pairs competition, and history nearly repeated last night.

Championship Aquatic Heats This Evening

FIRST HEATS for the Colony Swimming Championships will be held this evening at the Victoria Recreation Club pool, commencing at 6.07 p.m.

The programme is:

Men's 880 yards free-style.
Men's 220 yards back-stroke.
Men's 100 yards breast-stroke.
V.R.C. Boys 50 yards back-stroke handicap.

Competitors will be:

Half mile—Yu Shin-kan (Chinese "Y.Y.", Chiu Wai-lin (Sung Tao), Charles Huang (University), Chan Chiu-choi (Yau Sai-kan and Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun).

220 yards back-stroke—Au Leung-wah (S.C.A.A.), Chan Kum-cheng (Chinese "Y.Y."), Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun), Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun), Robert Chan (C.H.C.), A. K. Rumjahn and W. Lawrence (V.R.C.).

100 yards breast-stroke—Fung Wai-cheung (Chinese "Y.Y."), Sing Nin (Sung Tao), Tsang Yiu-shing (Sung Tao), Ho Poon-kun (S.C.A.A.), Luis M. Remedios (V.R.C.) and Tang Hon-chiu (University).

Boys 50 yards back-stroke—H. Reynolds, G. Saunders, A. B. de Carvalho, E. D. da Rosa and F. A. Noronha.

C. R. C. To Consider Incorporation

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the Hongkong Chinese Recreation Club will be held at the club premises, Causeway Bay, on Saturday, September 13, at 4.30 p.m., to consider, and if thought fit to pass, a resolution to the effect that the Club shall be incorporated under the Companies Ordinance 1932, as a company limited by guarantee, under the name of "The Hongkong Chinese Recreation Club."

Ready To Claim Pitching Record

NEWPORT, Ark., July 17 (AP).—Clarence Lott, pitcher for Paragould in the Northeast Arkansas League, is ready to claim some kind of strikeout-and endurance record.

Lott struck out 30 men in a 10-inning game with Newport last night and allowed only six hits.

The game was called at the end of the 16th, the score locked at 1-1.

Two Weeks' Practice On Fanling Courses

Aiding Hongkong's War Effort

(By "Birdie")

So, another season rolls round, though I don't suppose one can honestly say that golfers are ever dormant, for though the majority of competitions are confined to the winter, some are held during the summer months and heat cannot be said to stop players from going around.

However, the Colony Amateur Championship at Fanling on October 26 heralds the active half of the year. And, as usual, the competition is open to all amateur golfers in Hongkong resident for six months or more and who are members of Clubs here.

Limit handicap, as last year, is 12, and each Club outside the Royal Hongkong Golf Club is limited to ten entries. As I mentioned last week, there are seven Clubs in Hongkong, and if each of the six (excluding the R.H.K.G.C.) sent in ten players there would be a pretty good field—one which would tax the accommodation of even Fanling, with the two 18-hole courses.

The competition is 36 holes medal play—18 on the Old Course, and 18 on the New—and for the whole, four small prizes will be given. These will be for

- (1) the best 36 holes score,
- (2) the best visitor's score over 36 holes,
- (3) the best round on the Old Course, and
- (4) the best round on the New Course.

No player will be allowed to win more than one prize, and any surplus monies will be donated to the "South China Morning Post War Fund. Entrance fee is \$5.

As in previous years, too, the Fanling courses will be thrown open to intending competitors for two weeks' practice prior to the actual competition. This period will be from Monday, October 13 to Saturday, October 25—Sunday, October 10, being excluded.

Entries close on October 20. The number of players from the home Club is unrestricted, for as far as possible it is the intention to pair off visitors with a R.H.K.G.C. member.

LAST year Alec Pearce took first place with 166 (76 and 80),

O. E. C. Marton was second with 167 and F. D. Hunter third with 168. But since he took his commission, Lt. Pearce has not had much time for golf, and though he will doubtless defend his title it is wondered whether he will retain it.

Best score ever returned in the competition was that of Mr. W. Dodd in 1932, his rounds totalling 146, and there has only been one other score under 150 and that was J. T. Smith's 147 to win in 1939.

O. E. C. Marton has won the title the most number of times. His successes were in 1933 (164), 1934 (152), 1935 (155) and 1938 (153). He was disqualified in 1937 though he returned a winning score of 150, which year F. Groves won with 151.

WITH the start of the new competition season, I am reminded of a suggestion made to me some time ago for a Colony golf effort for the War Fund. The only Club capable of running such a scheme would be the Royal Hongkong, though it would not mean the use of their courses. It would be a competition open to all and would be played over 36 holes medal play on handicap.

It could be a monthly affair, permitting a player to take out as many cards as he pleased, and this total sum at one dollar a time should amount to quite a bit. The Royal Hongkong and other Clubs run these competitions on a minor scale, in comparison, and I feel that if the effort were made to cover all Clubs, response would be greater.

Each Club could conduct the competition on its own course each month, and the collective results be sent to some centre—the R.H.K.G.C., for instance—and the whole shrouded up for that month's winner.

All golfers, including women, would be eligible, and a secondary benefit of such a competition would be in the assessment of handicaps.

Some players go the whole year without turning in a handicap card, even though their play has deteriorated, and some handicaps, consequently, are flattering and misleading.

TO "VICTOR" THE SPOILS



Smiling Vic Ghezzi (left), Tom Walsh, President of the P.G.A., and Byron Nelson. Ghezzi won the P.G.A. title beating defending champion Byron Nelson at the 38th.

Shanghai Half-mile Record Bettered By 11 Seconds

SHANGHAI, Aug. 31.—In the most magnificent exhibition of long-distance swimming ever seen in Shanghai, T. S. Chif, the Chinese star who has flashed on the local horizon this year like a comet, broke the record for the 880 yards free style last night at the Rowing Club Gala by fully 11 seconds, clocking 17 minutes 54 3/5 seconds as compared with the former mark of 12 minutes 5 3/5 seconds established by Don Smith in 1936.

In achieving this outstanding performance—which is all the more remarkable inasmuch as Chif had only one other swimmer in the pool during the race; two having scratched and was never extended in the slightest—the Chinese star won further laurels by covering the first 440 yards in under 5 minutes 20 seconds, or a time nearly 15 seconds better than the existing record for the distance.

Other Results

The other three Shanghai Championships last night highlighted one of the most enjoyable nights of the season, produced neither more nor

startling performances. Bobbie Hekking won the men's 100 yards free style in the comparatively slow time of 59 1/2 seconds, though he very nearly lost the race to E. Leon who almost caught him napping with a gallant sprint in the last lap.

The men's 100 yards back stroke went to Ernie Smith as expected in the fair time of 70 1/2 seconds, while Charlie Butt captured the Junior 100 yards free style in the promising time of 61 1/2 seconds.

Judging from his performance last night, Butt should break the local senior record of 67 1/2 for the distance in another two years.

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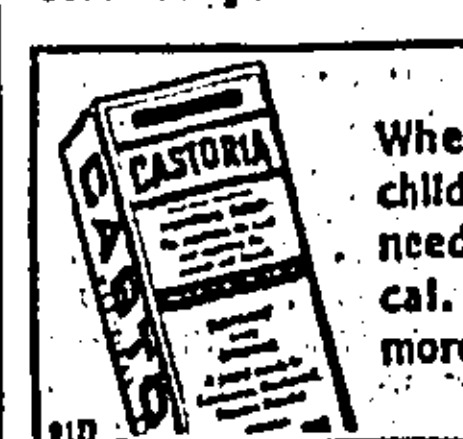
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

R.A.F. RAIDS ALARM NAZI LEADERS

Hamburg A City of Ruins

While Germany is paying a heavy price in men and equipment for victories in Russia, the condition of the home front, writes W. E. Lucas in the American newspaper "Christian Science Monitor," may well be giving the Nazi leadership still more cause for alarm.

Unceasing bombings, sometimes day and night, by the tireless Royal Air Force—and with a constantly increasing tonnage of bombs dropped—are bringing dislocation not only to Germany's production in the West, but, what is still more serious, to the morale of the war-weary German people.

From sources of unquestionable reliability, I have been able to gain some remarkable information as to the full extent of this process of dislocation and demoralisation, which if continued for any appreciable time is bound to make itself felt eventually in the Nazi programme itself.

For over two months now the R.A.F. has been staging a tremendous offensive against the industrial west of Germany, against Bremen, Hamburg, Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, the Ruhr and the Rhinefront. As this summer fades into autumn and then darkens into winter this assault mounts in intensity and spreads its destruction over the furthest points of Germany and into Czechoslovakia and Poland, where the Nazis have already transferred many of their war industries.

New Bomb Used
Much of the effectiveness of the R.A.F. attack has been due to a new type of bomb recently put into use. Eye-witnesses have described this as a sort of aerial torpedo which, straightening out when it nears the ground, takes on a horizontal flight. Its velocity carries it through many obstacles, piercing walls and causing houses to collapse before it finally explodes.

The destructive power of such a bomb in built-up areas is evident, since in horizontal flight it cannot travel far without coming into contact with some building. On one street in Hamburg a whole row of houses was demolished by one of these bombs, and somewhere in the suburbs of that city an old man now sits on his porch with a clear view of the river which before was concealed by three blocks of buildings. There is sufficient evidence coming out of Germany to show that the material damage in certain districts has been severe. It is known, for instance, that the main Focke-Wulf airplane factory in Bremen was razed to the ground, though as yet the subsidiary plant on the banks of the River Weser has not been hit.

Two Dockyards Destroyed
In Hamburg two dockyards, where five submarines were under construction, were completely destroyed: all the houses and shops around the docks are rubble and all that is left standing in the Adolf Hitler Platz, where the Town Hall was situated, is a ironically enough the statue of William I.

The district around the Friedrichsberg Station is in ruins. In earlier raids on Berlin the Siemens factory in the north-west suburbs of the city was severely damaged. The Clefsdorf subway station and the army stores depot at Bellevue were destroyed. In the Chorinstrasse, where 60 houses were bombed, a bomb which hit the gas and water mains caused the drowning of 80 people in one shelter. It is reported that Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Propaganda Minister, kept the Ministry's most recent investigation into the morale of the people away from the German High Command. That, if it is true, may be significant.

AUSSIES ITCHING TO FIGHT

Malaya Ready For Trouble

"If the Japanese strike at Thailand, they are in for a hot reception," declare sick and injured A.I.F. men who have returned to Sydney from Malaya.

Malaya is a fortress, and the A.I.F. men standing to arms on the Thailand border are "itching to fight," they told the "Sydney Sun."

"Practically every day for the past two months boat-loads of men have been arriving," declared Private G. B. Anderson, of Broadmeadow (Newcastle). "There is a tremendous number of troops there now—Australian, British and Indian."

Relief From Boredom

"Our boys greeted the order to move up on to the Thailand border with delight for it came after months of inactivity. The weather up there is not too good—85 degrees in the day time and 90 at night—and our chaps were beginning to get bored."

"They are not bored now. Every one of them is 'rearing' to go! There were lots of minor illness due to the heat and the food, but the chaps have forgotten that now."

"They want only one thing—to fight. That is what they went there for."

"Our boys think the world of the G.O.C. (Major-General Gordon Bennett) and they will be happy to go into battle with him at their head."

"Apart from the heat and the food, our chaps have had little to complain about. People up there work until 11 o'clock and then finish for the day. Australians have found it hard to keep going all day."

"The boys I left over there," said Private H. G. Shepherd, of Canberra, "will welcome a scrap. And there are plenty of troops there to handle the Japanese."

"Looking across from the place where I was stationed, you could see nothing but troops. The boys are just aching to get into it."

Missed Comforts

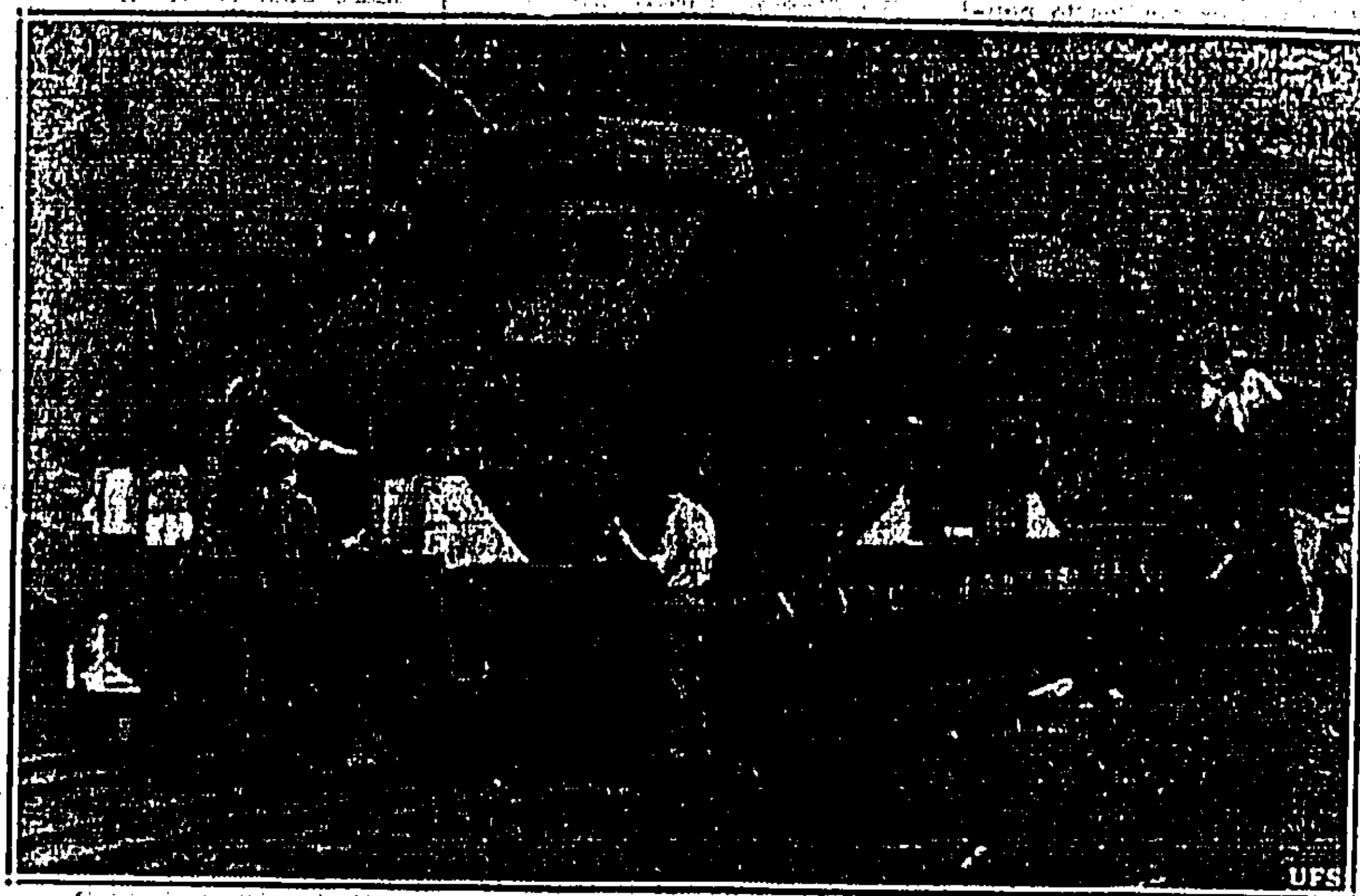
Private W. Keith (39), of Dubbo, who had his leg broken in an accident, said that numerous men in the ambulance unit to which he had been attached were complaining bitterly at the absence of comforts.

"I was in Malaya for five months," he added, "and I never once received a single parcel."

"Even parcels sent to us from our relatives seemed to have gone astray. The boys are loth to believe that this is due to deliberate tampering with the mail, and put it down to bad organisation."

Pte. Keith said that the quantity and quality of the food at Malaya was excellent. Cigarettes were plentiful, although pipe tobacco was very hard to get at times.

The morale of the troops was excellent, he continued. Their equipment was 100 per cent, and they felt confident of handling any emergency. Planes were constantly in the air and any move that might be made against Malaya would certainly not take the inhabitants by surprise.



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Czechs Charge Nazi Rulers With Torture: Report Issued

Details of Nazi torture are made public in a book entitled "Two Years of German Oppression in Czecho-Slovakia," published by the Czecho-Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with a preface by Eduard Benes, the Czech President.

In discussing treatment of Roman Catholic priests, said to be used as beasts of burden in concentration camps, the book cites cases.

"It is a frequent sight," the account runs, "to meet on the roads a priest dressed in rags, exhausted, pulling a cart, and behind him a youth in S.A. uniform with a riding whip in his hand."

The following is from an account of the way students of Prague were treated after German police had "provoked" them to protest against Nazi extremists:

"They were stripped, drenched with icy water and made to lie on the ground the whole night in ice-cold weather. They were compelled to run around the riding-school, urged on by blows from whips and cudgels, until heart and lungs could stand no more."

"Others, again, bound in groups of three, had the lobes of their ears torn, their eyes struck out by blows from whips—the whole under the amused gaze of German typists who were sitting there at their machines. When the students had suffered nameless tortures they were forced to cry out in chorus 'We thank you. Certain atrocities cannot be related as they were inspired by a sexual and sadistic pathological strain by which most of the Gestapo agents and German soldiers seem to be affected.'"

Much Unfit To Print

"The Germans also brought a number of girl students, taken from their homes in the course of a nocturnal raid. Many of the girls were dragged on to large open spaces surrounded by tanks and violated in view of the bound male students, some of them by several men in succession. The German soldiers burned the breasts of their victims with cigarette ends."

(What follows, in the book, is too loathsome and horrible for publication in a newspaper.) Chapter titles include "Twenty Years of Happy Development Until Munich," "Invasion, Political Persecution, Destruction of Czecho-Slovak Autonomous Life, Atrocities," "Germanisation," "Persecution of Christian Churches," "Persecution of Jews," "Economic Enslavement and Robbery."

Torture Laid To Women
In the streets of Brno, it is reported, "scenes took place in which even German women and children were used with each other to see who could most cruelly torment the Jews who had been driven into the streets. The Jews were baited to the great delight of the German population. Many of the wounded remained lying on the pavement for hours, only a few were successful in finding first-aid; the hospitals and clinics were soon full to overflowing. One Jewish factory owner was trampled to death."

Economically the Czecho-Slovak nation itself is being expropriated, the book asserts.

"The economic damage the nation has suffered in two unhappy years of the German regime may be assessed at one-third of the national property left after Munich. No

Neuro-Surgery Cures Severe Head Wounds

LONDON (UP)—Soldiers from Dunkirk were taken to hospital in London with serious head wounds. That was 12 months ago. To-day, they are back with their units. Medical science has achieved another pinnacle.

The surgeons now can treat serious head wounds—even cases of fractured skulls and injuries to the brain—which were considered incurable, only 15 years ago. Treatment is given at emergency hospitals of London County Council, and at other centres all over the country.

Air-raid casualties have been treated with results that are declared to be "wonderful—even spectacular."

An injured skull formerly often meant early death or disability for life. To-day, hundreds of people whose skulls were injured in air-raids are walking the London streets—cured.

The success has been achieved through the hands of the neurosurgeon.

The greatest of these surgeons is working in London. He is a tall, bearded man with the delicate hands of an artist.

Local Anaesthetic
A reporter who attended one of his operations said only a local anaesthetic was used. The patient after it was all over, said it was only like having a tooth out.

Bone from some other part of the patient's body was used for grafting.

Patients are kept together in the emergency hospitals, constantly under the supervision of the neurosurgeon in charge, a plastic surgeon whose job is to treat cases of face injury, and a general practitioner.

Most cases in the wards of the hospitals to-day are air-raid victims. One of them, in London, is an 11-year-old girl, Joyce Saunders.

She was hit on the head by flying debris. Yet, she is being cured.

Another London patient, Mrs. Minnie Forrest, was injured seriously in one of the first air raids. Her head is still bandaged but she is on the way to recovery.

Miss Margaret Roberts, a London dressmaker, was hit on the head by a shell splinter, and her right side was paralysed. To-day, she is cured—and her hair, which was cut off for the operation, has grown again—glossy, brown curls.

war catastrophe could have had such devastating effect. It also is reported that the Germans try to destroy Czech education. When a Czech delegation requested the reopening of universities, the Nazi Secretary of State, K. H. Frank, is said to have replied: "If the war will be won by England, you will open your schools to your own people. If Germany wins, an elementary school will have classes will be opened for you."

Food Supply Is Assured This Winter

Losses From Bombing Very Small Fraction

Raymond Gram Swing, WOR commentator broadcasting from London recently said he was surprised to find that the food supply in Britain was larger now than a year ago.

"Last year there were more non-essentials," he said, "to-day a greater portion of the supply is made up of essentials. I was also told that despite the rising curve of shipping losses, there will not be a food shortage in Great Britain this winter below the minimum standard set by the government."

Food losses from the bombing of warehouses is only a fraction of the losses from torpedoing at sea, he said.

"Once the food is landed in Britain the chance of its being destroyed in warehouses is quite small. The food isn't being piled up in the ports or near the ports; it is being distributed all over the country and in such small lots that its destruction by bombing is extremely difficult."

Food Restaurants
Mr. Swing also told of the more than 800 eating places, called British Restaurants, set up all over the country. These folks who have only a shilling or so to spend on a meal outside their homes, can eat a meal for 15 or 20 cents without reducing their rationed food. The government usually lends the money to local authorities to open the restaurants, and after that they are self-supporting, he said.

Mr. Swing concluded that on the whole the food situation was not desperate and guessed that the present British diet was healthier than in pre-war times.

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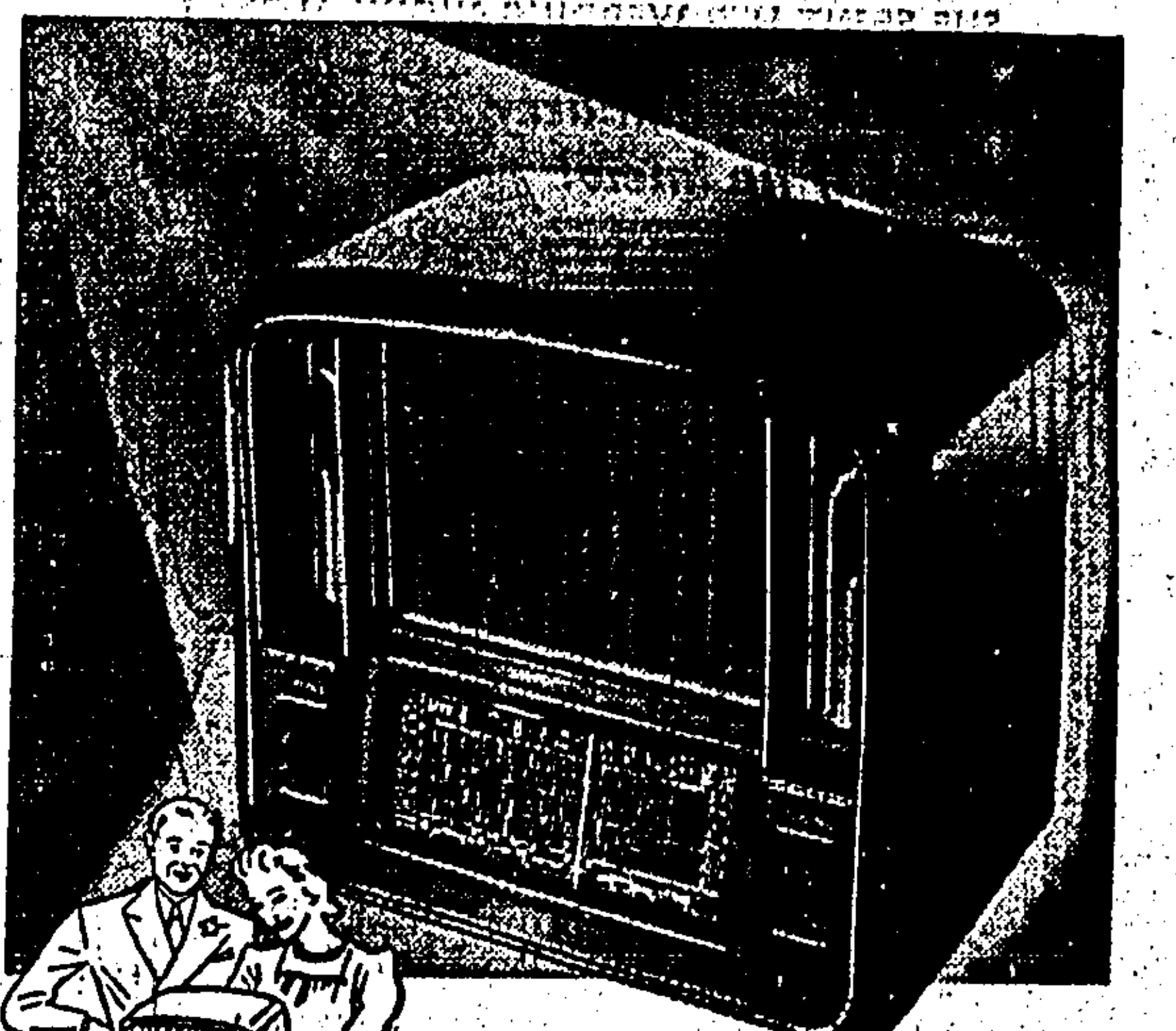


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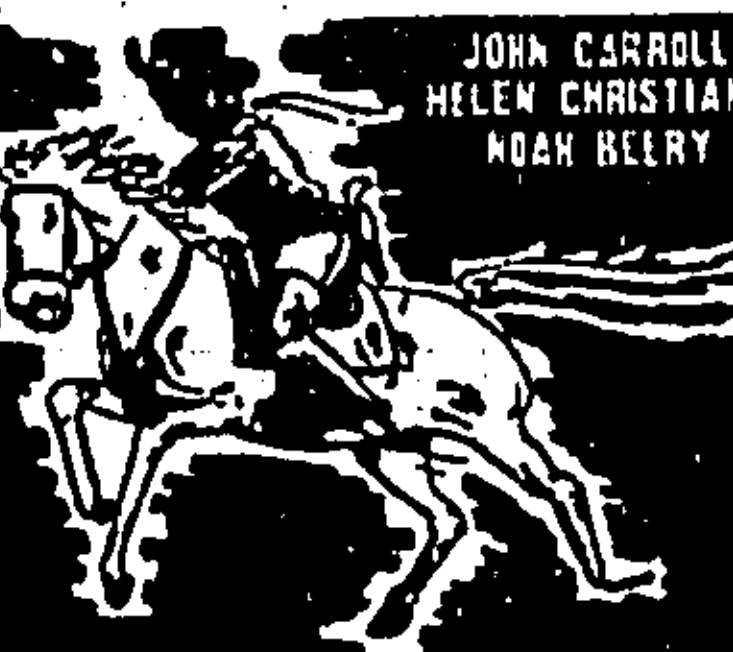
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AID TO RUSSIA ALREADY GIVEN

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—"Considerable progress" has been made in providing Russia with economic assistance. The Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. Hugh Dalton, told the House of Commons that substantial shipments had already been made, including rubber, tin, wool, lead, jute and shellac and notwithstanding the difficulties of transport, Britain was doing her best to meet the Russian requests in full.

Commodities which cannot be supplied from the British Empire or Allied sources are being discussed in Washington and afterwards at the Moscow Conference.

The Labour Member, Mr. Arthur Henderson, asked whether the forthcoming Moscow Conference would be long delayed.

Mr. Dalton said that that was beyond his competence to answer. He added: "My answer applies to non-military supplies."

Trial Recalled
LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—It is now definitely established that Colonel Alan Monckhouse, one of the officials in Moscow of Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Company charged in 1933 by the Russians with sabotage and later expelled, will be interpreter to Lord Beaverbrook in the forthcoming Three-Power Conference in Moscow.

The Soviet Government have intimated their willing assent.

New Governor Arrives Welcomed

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members of the Legislative Council, Officers of the three Services, members of the Consular Body and other prominent citizens.

After the introductions, Sir Mark Young inspected a Guard of Honour provided by the Royal Scots, after which he proceeded to Government House, accompanied by His Excellency Mr. N. L. Smith. The official car was escorted by a motor cycle detachment from the Hongkong Police.

Those Present

Those present to welcome the new Governor included, besides those mentioned, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson, the Hon. Sir Robert Colclough, the Hon. Mr. D. J. Selous, the Honour Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, His Honour Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Sir Vandeleur and Lady Grayburn, the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purvis, the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, the Hon. Mr. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida e Castro Jr., the Hon. Mr. A. L. and Mrs. Shields, the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam and Mrs. Tam, the Hon. Mr. T. E. and Mrs. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong and Mrs. Li.

Members of the Consular Body, as well as senior officials of the Government Service, and military and naval officers were also present.

U.S. Ship Illuminated When Sunk By Nazis

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loss of the two American ships—Steel Seafarer and Sessa—at German hands and the attack on the Greer are leading to changes in American policy.

The Sessa incident is regarded here as even more important than the other two. The Sessa was undoubtedly carrying foodstuffs and lumber of Iceland and the Icelandic Government, who owned the cargo, and not to the British or American garrisons there. The fact that she was carrying the flag of Panama is likely to make little difference to reactions in the United States as she was American-owned and in the process of changing from Panamanian to American registry.

There is much speculation why the news of her loss was held up so long. "Reuter" learns that last Thursday the American Marine radio station in Iceland broadcast that the Sessa was long overdue and was believed to have been torpedoed.

News Held Up

No British or American station appears to have picked up this item and when the State Department announced the loss today, it came as a bombshell. It is thought probable that the news was held up pending

Attlee Assures All Aid To Russia

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—Mr. Clement Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, replying to the debate, said in reference to criticisms of the Atlantic Charter that a general statement made by the heads of two great states could not be expected to contain more than general principles. It was impossible to elaborate at present a detailed programme for the future of the world.

When Mr. Attlee said: "This government and this country are resolved to do their utmost to assist our allies..." Mr. Gallacher (Communist, West Fife) asked: "All the Government—every member of the Government?" Mr. Attlee replied: "Certainly every member of Government."

Stupid Gesture

Mr. Attlee said that what could be done in respect of assistance would

Smashing Successes Claimed By Russians

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Gulf of Finland which, it is recalled, according to German complaints has been heavily mined.

Nazis Thrashed

MOSCOW, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—After a struggle of more than three weeks the German forces on the right of their centre have taken a severe thrashing.

This means that any renewed German attempt at a frontal drive to the east from Smolensk would be precarious from the start. German forces amounting to about 120,000 men have been broken.

Red Guerrillas

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—Behind the German lines, unrelenting warfare continues and Moscow Radio says that in many districts the masters of the situation are the guerrillas rather than the Nazis.

The town of Porkhov the scene of severe fighting some weeks ago when the Germans were making a thrust from Pskov to the region south of Lake Ilmen, has just been visited by guerrillas. They destroyed German ammunition and fuel dumps and set fire to the Nazis' hay stores. An alarm was sounded and the Germans ran to the spot where they saw a fire and heard shots but no one was there.

The guerrillas had entered the town from the other end in force and this was only a decoy party. While the Nazis were dealing with the fire, the main party was despatching German guards and shortly afterwards there was a terrific explosion as petrol dumps and ammunition stores blew up.

River Crossing Admitted

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (UP).—The "United Press" listening post to-day heard Rome Radio admit that the Russians have re-crossed the Dnieper in the sector where the Italian troops are stationed, but it was claimed that an Italian counter-attack destroyed Soviet tanks with many casualties. It added: "The Bolsheviks were forced to cease their operation."

Raid On Leningrad

Berlin, Sept. 9 (UP).—The Luftwaffe carried out massed raids on Leningrad throughout yesterday, and last night according to competent German sources, blasting railway lines, highways and other military objectives, and it is claimed they inflicted heavy casualties on the large Red army forces who are crushed together in many instances.

During one raid, the important water works of Leningrad were hit which probably seriously affects the city's drinking water supply.

German sources also claimed that in last night's raid on Moscow which was carried out by smaller forces an important automobile factory was hit.

Receipt of "fuller details" from survivors.

"Reuter" understands from a good source that the President would have announced the loss in his broadcast on Monday night which was postponed owing to the death of his mother, and that when he broadcasts on Thursday he is likely to answer Mr. Churchill's plea for further naval assistance.

Atlantic Patrol

Indeed Mr. Churchill was answered before he spoke, for the speech was completed for delivery on Monday. It is understood here that the Prime Minister will state that owing to Nazi attacks on American vessels there will be a change in the Atlantic Patrol policy. Well-informed circles believe that he will announce an inviolable sea lane between the United States and Iceland and declare that any hostile aircraft found there will be "eliminated" in other words, any German submarine, surface craft or plane entering this zone will do so at risk of instant destruction by American naval forces.

More entry into the zone, it is understood, would be regarded as an act of hostility calling for destruction of the invading craft. The width of this sea lane is not known but it is fair to guess that it will be generous enough to ensure safety for all supplies for Britain between the United States and Iceland.

RUSSIAN WAR SUMMARY

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Nazis as the result of a counter-attack.

In mid-July the Soviet High Command announced the recapture of Rogachev and Zhitobin on the Dnieper just above Gomel. Many times in the fighting towns and large villages have changed hands but the Russians have not felt a purely local ebb and flow worthy of mention—they name the recapture of towns which they intend to hold.

Base Of Counter Attack

It is noteworthy that Rogachev and Zhitobin have not only remained in Russian hands since their recapture but have formed the basis for the deep narrow counter-attack which led to the German reports of severe fighting at Bobruisk some days ago when elsewhere in this sector fighting was well to the east of this town.

More than 50 villages have been taken west of Yelnya by Soviet troops who are maintaining a relentless pursuit of the retreating Nazis. This is confirmed by Moscow dispatches late this afternoon that artillery fire can be heard 20 kilometres to the west of Yelnya.

Central Sector

On this central sector, the fate of the entire German campaign may ultimately depend. Even should Leningrad fall, Russia's military and economic position would not be decisively affected—the fall of Moscow would be another matter.

It is on the Leningrad front that the Germans and Finns are claiming successes. The Nazi claim to the capture of Schlüsselburg has not been confirmed nor has the Finnish claim to have reached the River Svir. The encirclement of Leningrad as the Nazis claim would be a serious matter for the Russians and for their Baltic Fleet and at the outposts at Hangoe, Oesel and Dagoo, but the Soviets have not hesitated in the past to admit unpleasant truths.

Other Side Of Claim

In all probability the encirclement claim represents a partial truth. It is just as likely that if "mobile divisions of the German army have reached and taken the town of Schlüsselburg" it is the mobile divisions of the German army that have been cut off from land communications and not Leningrad.

At the other end of the front the Germans still fail to reach the Dnieper. From Odessa come reports of "business as usual" and everywhere behind the German lines district after district reports visits from guerrilla fighters.

Mr Duff Cooper

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though the action we would take in such a hypothetical case I naturally cannot forecast. We are working in close co-operation with the United States and this co-operation is of utmost importance. I think that I can fairly state that neither Britain nor the United States desires to see the war spread to the Pacific, but if it does we are ready to face whatever comes."

Mr. Duff Cooper said that in his investigation of the Far Eastern situation, he will almost certainly visit Burma, Australia and the Netherlands East Indies. The possibility of his going to Chungking is not excluded though there is no immediate likelihood of his going to Japan.

"Central News" adds: Mr. Cooper denied that he would tackle Malayan domestic problems during his sojourn here, pointing out that that is Sir Shenton Thomas's job. He said he may send fact-finding reports to the British Government by cable, Clipper or personally later.

While in Manila, he saw President Manuel Quezon and the United States' High Commissioner Mr. Francis Sayre, but did not have time to inspect the defences.

Mr. Cooper refused to discuss Pacific affairs in detail saying only that "co-operation between the British and the United States Governments is being carried out and I am sure that the co-operation will be continued."

Mr Churchill Sums Up Progress Of War

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surrection and no end seemed to be in sight.

The audience listened in vain for a hint as to whether and where England plans a military initiative against the Axis. But indicative of the new aggressive spirit in England was the implicit threat that the Middle East forces would occupy Teheran if the Shah did not quickly come to terms. The House loudly cheered Mr. Churchill's remark that he was sure that they would approve of any measures we may have to take."

Germans Lose 3 Ships

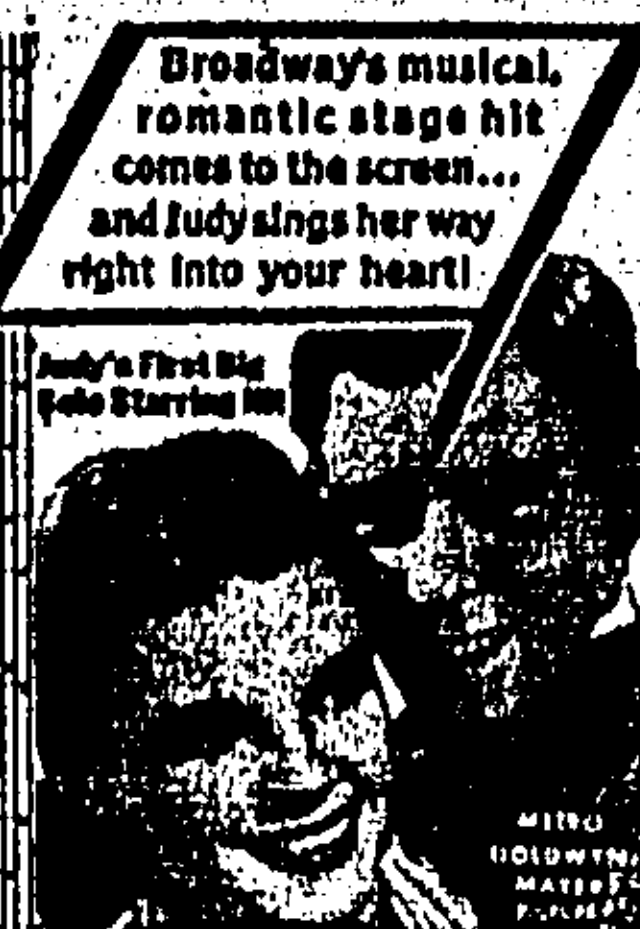
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forces under the command of Rear Admiral P. L. Vian have been operating against German convoys supplying their troops on the Murmansk front. These operations have been successful.

A German destroyer and an armed trawler have been sunk and the German light cruiser Bremse which was damaged by naval aircraft during the raid on Kirkenes in July, is believed to have been sunk. Other ships have probably been damaged, but sustained no damage. Further details are awaited.

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JAPAN-AMERICA RAPPROCHEMENT BELIEVED NEAR

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Sept. 10 (UP).—Reliable diplomatic quarters here have heard that the Tokyo Privy Council yesterday approved of the recent negotiations with the United States whereby it is expected that Washington and Tokyo will this week announce the conclusion of a preliminary agreement aimed at complete rapprochement—subject to a possible last-minute hitch arising from reported Army pro-Axis opposition.

GERMANS LOSE 3 SHIPS

Destroyer & Trawler: Cruiser Damaged

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—A German destroyer, an armoured trawler and another vessel were sunk by the Royal Navy off Murmansk.

The German light cruiser Bremse was damaged and is believed to have been sunk.

There were no British casualties.

*Built at Wilhelmshaven in 1931 as a gunnery training ship, the Bremse is a 1,400-ton light cruiser with a length of 339 feet. She normally carries a complement of 112 men. Her peacetime equipment is four 5-inch guns and two 20-mm A.A. guns. She is an oil burner capable of 27 knots.

Italian Schooner Torpedoed

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—A large Italian schooner has been torpedoed and sunk by one of our submarines in the Central Mediterranean, states an Admiralty communiqué.

*Off the harbour of Benghazi, another submarine engaged two self-

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President's Mother Laid To Rest

Simple Ceremony

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HYDE PARK, Sept. 9 (UP).—Mrs Sara Delano Roosevelt was buried to-day in the cemetery of St James Episcopal church beside her husband, James.

The President, surrounded by members of his family and several intimate friends among the relatives of the Hyde Park estate, participated in the simple ceremony which started in mid-afternoon in the spacious library. Only the President, the First Lady, their sons James, Elliott and John and their wives, Mrs Franklin Roosevelt Junior, the President's aunt and uncle and a few employees of the 12,000-acre estate were present.

Eight voices formed a choir which sang a hymn selected by the President because it was his mother's favourite and then with a final plea to the "God of Peace," the rector concluded the rites. Then eight workmen—some of whom have served the President for more than two score years—lifted the mahogany casket and carried it to the waiting hearse.

ON THE PRECEDING DAY, RUSSIAN PLANES BOMBED ENEMY AIRPORTS AND DESTROYED 85 GERMAN PLANES.

After smashing the better part of the eight opposing divisions who lost 70 per cent. of their effectives, the retreating remnants were annihilated by Russian artillery which covered the Nazis on both sides.

One correspondent reports, "Our glorious troops are continuing their pursuit of the retreating enemy, not giving him a minute's rest or respite."

RUSSIAN WAR SUMMARY 26-Day Offensive By Soviets

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LONDON, Sept. 9 (UP).—Authoritative British circles asserted to-day that Russia had mobilised between ten and fifteen million men, and had inflicted within three months greater casualties on the Germans than the latter suffered in any one year of the World War.

The battle for Leningrad had become intensified with furious fighting. Berlin claimed to be confident that the Nazis would occupy Leningrad and Odessa "before the October snowfall." Concurrently, according to British reports, the Germans had brought 500,000 fresh troops from the occupied areas in Europe and Germany against the 100-mile long Russian lines from the Gulf of Finland to Lake Ladoga, defending Leningrad.

Biggest Soviet Offensive

General Timoshenko's central front successes claimed by Moscow climaxed a 26-day persistent counter-attack—the largest Russian offensive since the start of the war.

Reference books show that the German casualties throughout the World War totalled 7,142,000 men, averaging 1,785,000 per annum. Of these casualties 1,773,000 were killed, namely about 443,200 annually.

Recaptured By Soviet

(WAR COMMENTARY BY "ANNALIST")

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—"Our troops have occupied the town of Yelnya." This is only the second occasion since fighting began on the eastern front that the Russians have named a town recaptured by them.

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U.S. Ship Illuminated When Sunk by Nazis

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Hongkong's New Governor Arrives

Exclusive picture taken at the landing this morning of Hongkong's new Governor, Sir Mark Young. Sir Mark Young is shown with Captain S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., Major-General C. M. Maltby, G.O.C., and Brigadier A. Peffers.



Sir Mark Young Arrives & Is Sworn in as Governor

Sir Mark Young, K.C.M.G., Hongkong's new Governor, arrived in the Colony this morning, being officially greeted at Queen's Pier, and afterwards attending the King's Theatre, where he took the oaths of office and received brief addresses of welcome from the community.

The steamer by which the Governor-Designate arrived was met outside the harbour by a launch in which were the Harbour Master, Commander J. Jolly, and Captain S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C. The official party was escorted into harbour by four Royal Air Force planes, which circled overhead as His Excellency disembarked at Queen's Pier.

Pier Reception

On landing, Sir Mark Young was received by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, who then introduced him to His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, Major-General C. M. Maltby, His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Abol MacGregor and Lady MacGregor, the Hon. Capt. A. C. Collinson and Group Captain T. S. Horry.

Members of the Executive Council were then introduced, followed by members of the Legislative Council, Officers of the three Services, members of the Consular Body and other prominent citizens.

After the introductions, Sir Mark Young inspected a Guard of Honour provided by the Royal Scots, after which he proceeded to Government House, accompanied by His Excellency Mr. N. L. Smith. The official car was escorted by a motor cycle detachment from the Hongkong Police.

Those Present

Those present to welcome the new Governor included, besides those mentioned, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson, the Hon. Sir Robert Kotevski, the Hon. Mr. D. J. Sloss, His Honour Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, His Honour Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Sir Vandevelde and Lady Grayburn, the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purvis, the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carlie, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Peimether-Evans, the Hon. Mr. M. TURN to Back Page, Column 4

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6.00 Indian Programme.
6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 Dvorak—Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 70.
7.00 Czech Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Václav Talich.
7.25 Piano and Violin Recital by Louis Kentner and Henri Temianka—Scherzo—Les Patineurs (Meyerbeer—Liszt).—Louis Kentner; Rondo in A Major (Schubert).—Henri Temianka and The Temianka Chamber Orchestra; Waldesrauschen (Liszt); Rondo in D Major (Mozart).—Louis Kentner.
8.00 London Relay—The News.
8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 London Relay—"Listening Post."

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 Programme Summary.
8.32 Nicolai—"Merry Wives of Windsor" Overture.
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
8.40 Studio—"English Humour" No. 2, "Reflected Address."
Talk by Rev. Father T. Ryan, S.J.
9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 A Programme of Light Russian Music.

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9.30 Songs from the Films.
9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only).
9.45 Short Humorous Programme by Max Miller and Michael Moore.
How The So-And-So Can I Be Happy; The Girl Next Door (Miller); Max Miller with Orchestra; Film Star Final—Impersonations of Charles Laughton (as the Editor); Eric Blore; Ronald Colman; Charles Ruggles; Richard Goddard; James Cagney; Charles Laughton (as the Editor); Will Hay; Mr. Motto (Peter Lorre); Robert Donat; Syd Walker; Michael Moore with effects.
10.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 Dances Music.
11.00 London—"Britain To-day". Discussion by Gerald Barry and Winifred Holmes on the work of "Housewife during War."
11.15 Close Down.

Shot Warns Junk

That a shot had been fired by watchers from Mount Davis across the bows of a junk seen entering the West Lamma Channel minelane was revealed by Sgt Pile at the Marine Court this morning, when Ng Kwai, 18, boat folk, was charged with entering a prohibited area yesterday. Ng pleaded guilty to the charge, and said he had been carried in by the tide.
A fine of \$50 or five weeks' hard labour was passed by Cmr T. C. Siff.

Local Sino-Soviet Cultural Association

Chinese leaders in the Colony propose to organise a local branch of the Sino-Soviet Cultural Association, which has headquarters in Chungking. Mr Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, who is now in Hongkong and who is also President of the Association, has invited many interested to a tea party at the Chinese Merchants' Club to-day, when the organisation procedure will be discussed.

AID TO RUSSIA ALREADY GIVEN

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—"Considerable progress" has been made in providing Russia with economic assistance.
The Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr Hugh Dalton, told the House of Commons that substantial shipments had already been made, including rubber, tin, wool, lead, jute and shellac and notwithstanding the difficulties of transport, Britain was doing her best to meet the Russian requests in full.

Commodities which cannot be supplied from the British Empire or Allied sources are being discussed in Washington and afterwards at the Moscow Conference.

The Labour Member, Mr Arthur Henderson, asked whether the forthcoming Moscow Conference would be long delayed.
Mr Dalton said that that was beyond his competence to answer. He added: "My answer applies to non-military supplies."

Recalled
LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—It is now definitely established that Colonel Alan Monkhouse, one of the officials in Moscow of Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Company charged in 1933 by the Russians with sabotage and later expelled, will be interpreted to Lord Beaverbrook in the forthcoming Three-Power Conference in Moscow.
The Soviet Government have intimated their willing assent.

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks \$.....	1,460 n.
H.K. Banks £.....	77 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....	84 n.
Chartered Banks £.....	84 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....	23 n.
Mercantile C. £.....	11 1/2 n.
East Asia \$.....	76 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton Ins. \$.....	230 b. & sa.
Union Ins. \$.....	433 b. & sa.
China Underwriters \$.....	1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$.....	187 1/2 b. & sa.

SHIPPING	
Douglas \$.....	120 n.
Steamboats \$.....	10 n.
Indo-China P. \$.....	80 n.
Indo-China D. \$.....	70 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-.....	52/6 n.
Waterboats \$.....	6/55 n.

DOCKS, ETC.	
Wharves \$.....	83 b.
Docks \$.....	18 s.
Providents \$.....	7 s.
Shui Dockyards \$.....	31 1/2 n.

MINING	
Kailan s/-.....	13/6 n.
Rauha \$.....	7/4 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....	2 cts n.

LANDS	
Hotels \$.....	3/4 b.
Lands \$.....	36 3/4 b. & sa.
Lands 4% Debentures.....	97 1/2 n.
Shai Land Sh. \$.....	22 n.
Humphreys \$.....	7 1/2 b.
H.K. Realties \$.....	3/8 b.
Chinese Estates.....	99 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams \$.....	17 1/2 sa.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....	7 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....	3/4 n.
Star Ferries \$.....	51 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries \$.....	23 1/2 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....	0/65 n.
China Lights (new) \$.....	1/34 b. & sa.
H.K. Electric (old) \$.....	x/- n.

H.K. Electric (new) \$.....	
H.K. Electric Rts \$.....	11 1/4 b.
Macao Electric \$.....	18 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights \$.....	12 1/2 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....	24 n.
Telephones (new) \$.....	0/4 sa.

INDUSTRIES	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$.....	45 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$.....	35 n.
Cantor. Ices \$.....	1 n.
Cements \$.....	15 1/2 b.
H.K. Ropes \$.....	0/65 b. & sa.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms \$.....	19 1/2 sa.
Walsingham \$.....	12 1/2 n.
Lane, Crawford & Co. \$.....	0/45 n.
Sinceres \$.....	2 1/2 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....	30 n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. x.d. \$.....	1 1/2 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. \$.....	43 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....	305 n.

HISCO.	
H.K. Govt 4 1/2% (1934).....	101 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934).....	90 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940).....	80 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 C.B.Ds.....	43 n.
Entertainments \$.....	6 1/2 n.
Constructions (old) \$.....	1/60 n.
Constructions (new) \$.....	80 cts n.
Cybro Piling \$.....	7/20 n.
Mareman Inv. (Lon.) s/-.....	6/3 n.
Mareman Inv. (H.K.) s/-.....	1/8 n.

Record Budget For Australia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BRISBANE, Sept. 9 (UP).—The Premier, Mr A. W. Fadden, to-day revealed that he is introducing a record budget on September 17 to provide \$675,000,000 of a total of \$1,050,000,000 wartime expenditures. He declared that "an irreducible minimum is required for our security and we will ask the people of Australia to contribute to an extent never asked before. Sacrifices must be made. The Government will see that no section of the community dodges responsibility."

Wodehouse Replies To His Critics

The English author, P. G. Wodehouse, a frequent target of German radio, answered attacks on his action in speaking over the air from Germany by stating: "My talks are designed simply to acknowledge the hundreds of sympathetic letters from Americans."
"My broadcasts have caused violent attacks against me in Britain, but I am still not able to see anything in the broadcasts which would not be printed in any English newspaper."

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London.....	1/2 1/2
Demand London.....	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai.....	400
T.T. Singapore.....	52 1/2
T.T. Japan.....	102 1/2 n.
T.T. India.....	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.....	24 1/2
T.T. Manila.....	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia.....	40 1/2
T.T. Hongkong.....	148
T.T. Saigon.....	100
T.T. France.....	107
T.T. Switzerland.....	107
T.T. Australia.....	1/8 1/4

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London.....	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London.....	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.....	25 1/4
4 m/s France.....	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London.....	4/2 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.....	—

Indian Textile Capacity

BOMBAY, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—The production capacity of textile mills in the country is expected to attain a new high as a result of a general agreement reached at a textile conference.

The Raj has agreed to transfer the textile section of the Supply Department to Bombay, where it will begin to function shortly.

It is learnt that an agreement was reached in respect of prices of textiles supplied to the Government, which are to be based mainly on prices which the Government have been paying at the beginning of May. Matters relating to supplies of cotton textiles to civil markets were also discussed and it is understood that it was generally felt that to ease the present situation the main remedy would be to quicken the pace of production.

No question of direct price control arose as it would come under the purview of the Price Control Conference which will be held at Simla in the middle of October.

CAR BADGE SALES HELP BOMBER FUND

A second contribution of \$750 to the Bomber Fund was received yesterday from the sale of car badges. The Hongkong Automobile Association, representing the car badge sales, has received from the Hongkong Electric Recreation Club Swindle, amounting to the total of \$2,517,000.02. The following is the latest list:
European Y.M.C.A. Sewing Circle (donation).....\$175.30
Cent. A. Plane Gang (eleventh donation).....\$175.30
Cent. A. Plane Gang (sale of old tins and newspapers).....10
The Hongkong Automobile Association (sale of motor car badges).....750
European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Club (donation).....50.80
Hongkong Electric Recreation Club Swindle (eleventh donation).....51.
Silliant Silk Store ("V" Campaign badge sale).....25.00
Mingzang Bomb (seventh donation).....25.00
Mrs F. M. Deacon (Birthday Gift).....10
E. D. Season Banking Co. Ltd. (sale of "V" Badges) (second donation).....10
The S. C. M. Post received the following donation to the St Dunstan's Home for the Blind:
The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the British War Relief Fund:
Mr A. Vazwani of Messrs Utomul, Assamada Co. \$25.
Mr Vazwani writes: "I will continue to send this amount every month as long as I stay in Hongkong."

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Society for the Protection of Children in memory of the late Mrs. B. H. Budden and family, Mr and Mrs H. E. Budden and family, \$5.

PRISONERS OF WAR
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AWAITING COLLECTION
Donations for the following Organizations await collection at the office of the S. C. M. Post: Food Kitchen Fund; St Vincent de Paul; St Dunstan's S.P.C.A.; British Prisoners of War Fund.

Capt Weidemann For Tientsin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 9 (UP).—It is reported from Rio de Janeiro that Captain Hans Weidemann, former German Consul at San Francisco has cancelled his plans to fly to Buenos Aires and may remain in Rio for two or three weeks, and then proceed to Tientsin where he has been appointed Consul-General.

AMERICAN SUPPLY SHIP SUNK OFF ICELAND

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (UP).—The State Department has been informed that the Panamanian steamer Sessa, operated by the United States, was torpedoed and sunk on August 17 off Iceland. Twenty-four persons, including an American lost their lives. Three survivors were picked up on September 6.

The Sessa was a former Danish vessel which was taken over by the Maritime Commission and operated by a New York firm in transporting supplies to Iceland. The State Department announced that the vessel carried foodstuffs, cereal, lumber and other general cargo owned by the Government of Iceland. No arms, ammunition or war implements were carried.

JAPAN & HER AXIS TIES

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (UP).—International circles here have received reports that many leading Japanese are convinced that Germany cannot win the war and they therefore desire to weaken the Axis ties and strengthen those with Britain and the United States as rapidly as possible, consistent with "saving face."

It is indicated that Japan does not intend to break openly and formally with the Axis. Such a course, it is reported, would be so abrupt as to cause grave internal repercussions.

Tokyo spokesmen comment that Japan would probably acquiesce to the United States shipment of oil to Russia if the United States would resume the oil shipments to Japan. This is interpreted as a sample of the adjustment the Japanese may take.

Konoye Speech Awaited
Informed circles speculated whether Prince Konoye's impending announcement is likely to be a notice to the Japanese that negotiations have been opened with the United States to improve relations between the two countries.

It is presumed that such negotiations would be described in the same language that Mr Hull, the Secretary of State, used here namely: "exploratory." If a way can be found to give Japan an "honourable" escape from her present predicament, Japan might inter-ally abandon the Axis particularly if Russian resistance continues to be strong.

Major Baseball Rain Spoils National Programme

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (UP).—Rain spoiled two of the most important games in the National Baseball League to-day, the two top teams fighting for the pennant—St. Louis Cardinals and Brooklyn Dodgers—being forced into idleness.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Scores were:
New York.....R 11 E 2
Batteries—Schumacher; Danning.
Pittsburgh.....R 0 E 0
Batteries—Lester; Baker.
Boston.....R 7 E 4
Batteries—Javery; Erickson; Berres.
Cincinnati.....R 9 E 3
Batteries—Walters; Lombard; West.
Brooklyn.....R 0 E 0
Batteries—Hammill; Owen.
Chicago.....R 0 E 0
Batteries—McCrab; Ferrick; Hayes.
This game was postponed after one inning. Philadelphia-St. Louis game was washed out.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Scores were:
Detroit.....R 0 E 0
Batteries—Gorske; Thomas; Mueller.
Sullivan.....R 0 E 0
Batteries—Harris; Ferrell.
New York.....R 7 E 1
Batteries—Chandler; Dieck; 13
Cleveland.....R 0 E 0
Batteries—Feller; Hegan.
Philadelphia.....R 0 E 0
Batteries—McCrab; Ferrick; Hayes.

JOE LOUIS DRAFTED

CHICAGO, Sept. 9 (UP).—Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, has been placed in A Class, announced the Draft Board to-day, and probably "will be inducted for service in October. He must take his physical examination shortly."

Attlee Assures All Aid To Russia

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—Mr Clement Attlee Lord Privy Seal, replying to the debate, said in reference to criticisms of the Atlantic Charter that a general statement made by the heads of two great states could not be expected to contain more than general principles. It was impossible to elaborate at present a detailed programme for the future of the world.

When Mr Attlee said: "This government and this country are resolved to do their utmost to assist our allies..." Mr Gallacher (Communist, West Fife) asked: "All the Government—every member of the Government?" Mr Attlee replied: "Certainly every member of Government."

Stupid Gesture

Mr Attlee said that what could be done in respect of assistance would be done "but there was nothing more stupid than to make a futile and disastrous gesture for fear someone would think they were not doing their best."

He added: "We shall give all we can to Russia but remember it has got to come out of our production which is not yet adequate for our needs. We are prepared to make sacrifices, we are prepared to increase that production, but I think you want a little word of warning to remember always the time lag in these things."

The longest and most detailed of any military exercises yet held in the Colony terminated at noon to-day. The exercises, which commenced last Friday, have been described as being "most successful."

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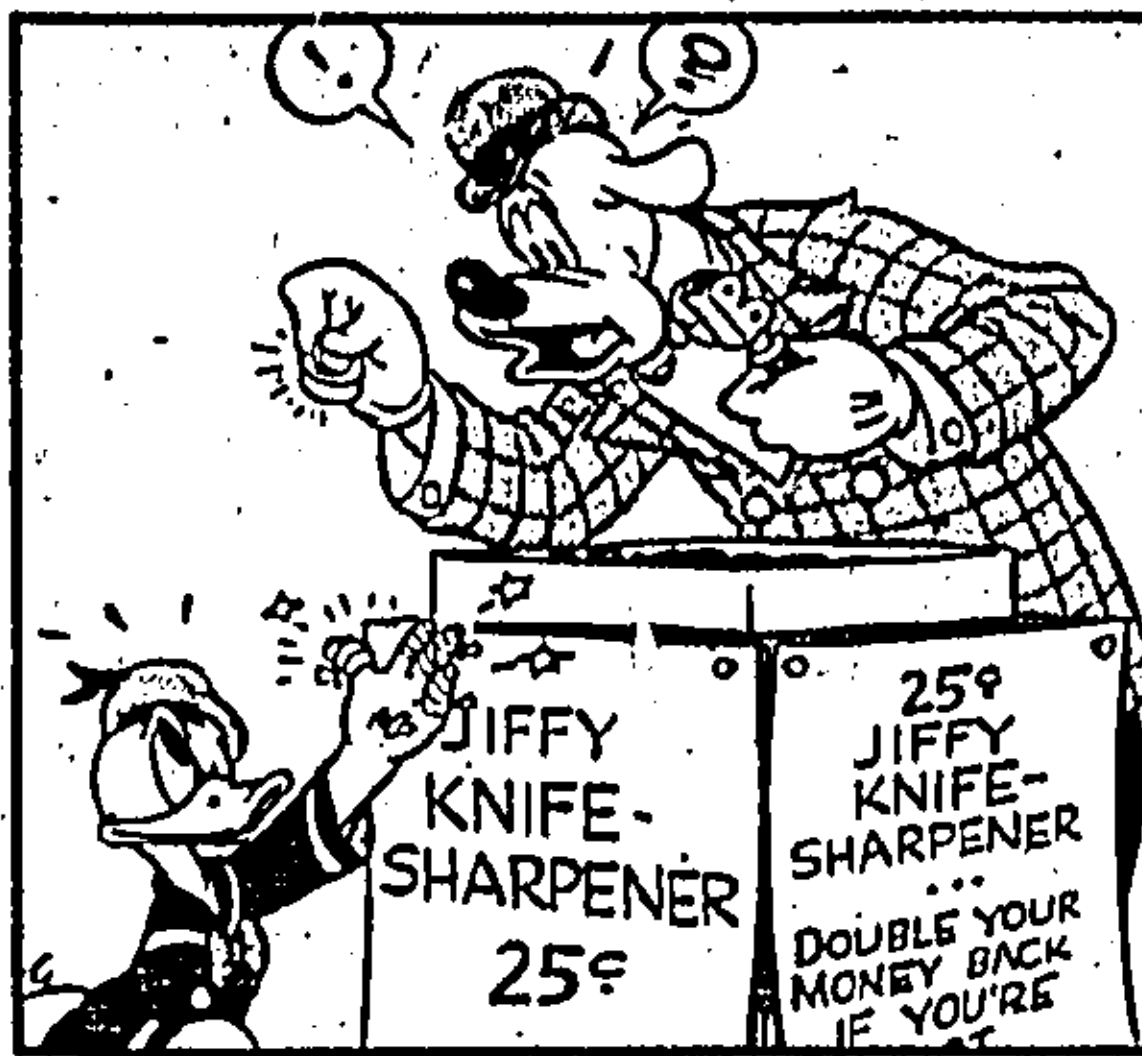
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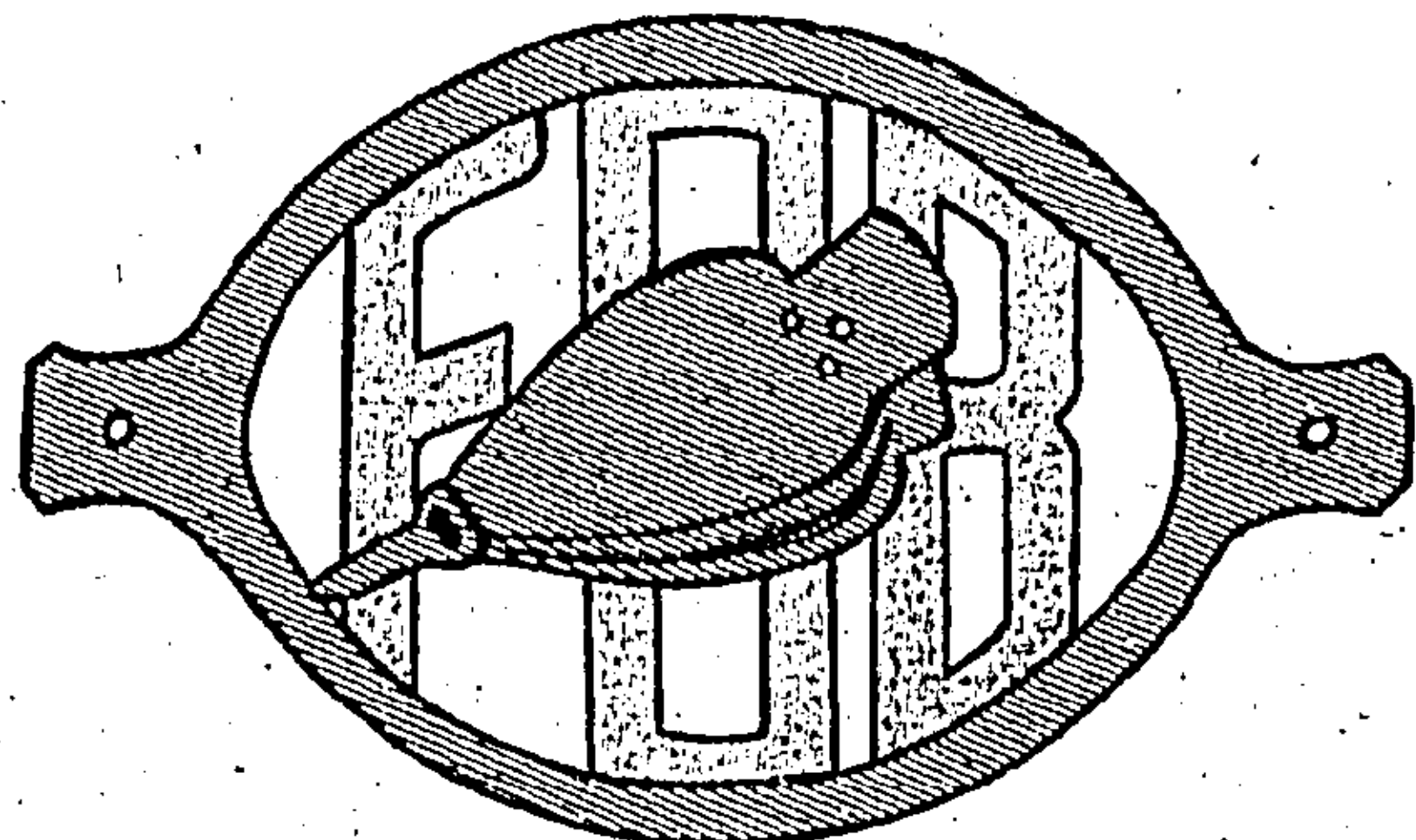
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SIR MARK YOUNG'S TASK

SIR Mark Young takes up the reins of administration in Hongkong at one of the most critical periods in the history of the Colony, and the success which he makes of his office rests not only upon his personal ability, but upon the lively and sympathetic co-operation of the community. This co-operation, His Excellency may rest assured, will be given freely, and, judging from Sir Mark Young's record as an administrator, it will just as certainly be accepted readily and with appreciation.

At this time the Colony feels, more perhaps than ever before, the need for vigorous and understanding leadership. Hongkong, though it has not in some respects felt the effects of the European conflict in such a full measure as other parts of the Empire, has, nevertheless, a number of problems arising directly from the wars in China and Europe; evacuation, diminishing trade, depression among the young local industries caused by inability to secure raw materials, overpopulation, and a constant state of tension created by a political situation which hangs over the Colony like a heavy thunder cloud.

This is not a pretty picture to paint for a new Governor just arriving, but it is hardly likely that Sir Mark Young is expecting any more attractive canvas. Sir Mark has had considerable experience in dealing with delicate situations and complex problems which call for firm decisions based on sound judgment, understanding, tolerance and goodwill, and it is in this knowledge that Hongkong welcomes His Excellency, with renewed hope that, under his administration, the many ills which to-day beset the Colony, will be eliminated.

The foundation for a better, cleaner, healthier and more prosperous Hongkong has already been laid; circumstances will probably arise to impede progress to this end, but so long as the objective is held in mind the future will hold in store something worth while. To this end, the Administration and the community can work together in harmony.

From scrap metal collected from all over the world—formerly the greater part came from the United States—Japan rushes armament production. Top picture shows mechanics in an armament factory completing precision work on gun barrels. Lower left: Gun barrels in various stages of manufacture. Lower right: Japanese girls working on percussion caps for shells.

RUSSIA'S SECOND FRONT

By Leonard Engel

Russia's Red Army, now a principal in the greatest and most bitter struggle in military history, differs from every other important army in modern Europe in one vital respect at least. It's designed to fight on two fronts, only one of them military.

The other is against the slothfulness and backwardness that crippled the Czarist Russia overthrown by the weight of its own blunders and a hardy band of revolutionaries. In 24 years, more than 20,000,000 Russians have received military training. They have also received instruction in modernism and then purposely been sent out to carry modernism to the remotest corners of the U.S.S.R.

The sort of training I mean covers an extremely wide field—everything from learning to read to learning how to tighten a screw and how to brush your teeth.

These things are an integral part of the 20th century. So is literature, art, music, science. The Red Army has waged war on the home front to bring all these things to Soviet Russia.

Modernism has been brought to the Russian Army, Navy and Air Force by three principal means:

1. The training of a recruit in his daily routine, in learning how to take care of himself.

2. The regular military high schools or "technicums," as Europeans would call them where technical training somewhat beyond the American high school, is given, and the higher military academies. There are 60 technicums in the Army, and 32 each in the Navy and Air Force. Academies total 14. Biggest, the giant Frunze Academy in Moscow. Oldest, the Dzerzhinsky Artillery Academy in Leningrad, founded in 1820 as the Mikhailovsky Artillery School, and renamed after the revolution for the first head of the Russian secret police. These schools provide scores of thousands of men a year with basic technical training to which field training adds specific mechanized military skills.

3. An extensive chain of spare-time study clubs, drama leagues, orchestras and what-have-you based on the "Lenin rooms" found in every Red Army barracks, and the Red Army Houses in each military area. The Government has built and furnished the Red Army houses and Lenin rooms with everything from gymnastic equipment and chess sets to huge libraries and theatres. The biggest theatre in Moscow is the Central Red Army Theatre. A major Red Army off-duty-time activity are its bulletin board newspapers. Until recently, the job of teaching illiterate recruits (now encountered only rarely) was taken care of through the Lenin room study circles.

The Soviet Government has been quick to put to use what it has taught its soldiers. The first thousands of tractor drivers on Soviet farms were ex-tank drivers. At one time teaching villagers to brush their teeth was made a solemn military duty. Discharged soldiers are encouraged to form army-like study circles in villages.

The war for modernism is suspended to-day. But if Hitler did bite off more than he can chew, it will be resumed.



SPOTLIGHT ON TOKYO TODAY

THIRD ARTICLE:

Movement South

BY
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areas have proved successful only through Japanese ingenuity and endurance.

The number of Japanese residents in French Indo-China jumped from 234 to many thousand after the various deals by which Japanese army and navy men and representatives of Japan's industry and commerce opened that country to development by Japanese firms.

The Japanese want rice, coal, tin and iron from Indo-China. At one time they also wanted sand, and the story around Tokyo was that they specified that the sand must come only from Camranh Bay and be loaded only in Japanese ships. The French laughed that one off, but apparently the Japanese now have got their sand.

SOUTH SEAS

Lumber also comes from the South Sea regions, and Japan needs lumber for pulp from which to make rayon and staple fibre goods.

There are some 30 Japanese firms dealing in rubber in the South Seas but they represent only a small proportion of the output. The Japanese have only about 1/30th of the total invested capital in the South Seas and they believe that to be much too small a proportion.

The type of exploitation done by the Japanese in China may be taken as an illustration of what might happen in the South Seas under similar conditions. The usual procedure in China was for the Japanese to take over 51 percent of the stock and then operate the industry as if they owned it all. The term applied to this sort of venture was "joint Sino-Japanese undertaking."

SPREADING OUT

The population increases in China were greater in North China than in other sections. That was the so-called "first specified" by the Japanese, and businessmen and industrialists were quick to follow up the pioneer-ship by the Japanese Army. North China now has a Japanese population of about 350,000, as compared with the 43,108 Japanese residents there on July 7, 1937, when the "protection" afforded Indo-China bridge.

The number of Japanese travellers in the Orient is always a source of wonderment to foreigners. The ships between Kobe and Shanghai and between Kobe and Dairen, and between Kobe and Tientsin, or Tsingtao, are always booked to capacity. The trains across Korea between Japan and China are crowded daily to such an extent that it is impossible for a traveller to force his way through the sides from whatever coach he happens to be riding in to the dining car.

All these conditions have arisen since the beginning of the China war in 1937 and show a busy, energetic race spreading out in all directions to them.

To-morrow's article in this series will describe the life of foreigners in present-day Japan and what they have to put up with.

Itinerant Japanese medicine peddlers, carrying their wares through the jungles and sleeping in trees to escape tigers and bears, were the forerunners of Japan's present southward advance.

The merchants who first went into Malaya, Siam and French Indo-China nearly 50 years ago have been replaced now by corporations who want to deal in rubber, oil and tin instead of patent medicines.

Japan believes that access to these materials is vital to her continued existence. She would be willing to fight for them if she can obtain them in no other way.

In the four years of the Sino-Japanese war, the number of Japanese residents in China increased from 86,000 to 510,000. Restrictions on immigration have kept the Japanese population in the East Indies and the Philippines fairly static in recent years, but Japanese now are pouring into French Indo-China and Thailand with the idea of developing the rich resources of these regions.

The ratio of six to one by which the Japanese population in China has increased would be equalled or exceeded in any South Seas country to which the Japanese could gain access.

THAILAND

The present emphasis in the Japanese press upon Thailand indicates that Japan wants further privileges for exploitation and trading there. Some of the same products which come from the East Indies are available in Thailand, and expansion in the latter country would be at less risk of war than would be the case in the Indies.

The Japanese already have formed companies which are operating in Thailand, and plenty of Japanese capital would be available if the operations were increased. Japan would be treading on British interests there but would hope to avoid a frontal clash.

The big and powerful Mitsui interests, already operating in southern Thailand—rubber and tin—and another great Japanese firm, Mitsubishi, either has started a branch there, or Japanese writer said this was a will soon. Other companies short-sighted policy because there are the Daido Trading "development works" at certain

Company, the Nomura Trading Company and the Dainan Company.

The latter three companies are buying rubber. Mitsubishi is mining tin. Toko Company is mining wolfram.

The British got in ahead of the Japanese on development of this region, which is adjacent to Malaya. Japanese firms thus far have been able to obtain only about 150 tons of tin monthly. Japanese firms have been obtaining around 2,000 tons of rubber per month.

HOW FAR?

With the powerful Mitsui and Mitsubishi interests eager to increase their operations in Thailand, it is natural for the government to support them in every possible way. How far they are prepared to go remains to be seen.

Japan has made much of her friendship for Thailand and recently was the arbiter in a dispute between Thailand and French Indo-China. Japan apparently now has become a Vichy-recognized protector of Indo-China in a move regarded by the United States as one of "conquest". She may extend to Thailand the same kind of "protection" afforded Indo-China.

If Thailand wants none of that sort of protection, the Japanese could make an issue out of the activities in Tokyo of Phya Sri Senna, Thai Minister. The Japanese have been building up a quiet campaign against Senna, saying he is of Chinese descent and entirely unsympathetic with Japan's friendly intentions.

The Japanese are recent at restrictions which have kept their people out of the East Indies and the Philippines. One has started a branch there, or Japanese writer said this was a will soon. Other companies short-sighted policy because there are the Daido Trading "development works" at certain

MR CHURCHILL REVIEWS WAR FRONTS IN CHEERING VEIN

LONDON, Sept 9 (Reuter).—Continuing his statement in the House of Commons, Mr Winston Churchill said that the enemy had been employing a greater number of U-boats and a larger number of long-range aircraft than ever before and we must expect further increases.

"We have made prodigious exertions and our resources are continually growing but the Admiralty staff, who have been working in perfect harmony with the Royal Air Force would be the last to guarantee their continuance as a matter of course and the slightest relaxation of vigilance, of exertion and contrivance would be followed swiftly by very serious relapses.

"The Germans are very much hampered on the American parts of the Atlantic by fear of trouble with powerful American naval forces which ceaselessly control the approaches to the Western Hemisphere. This has been a help to us. I could wish that it might be of greater help but here again the enemy's tactics may change.

"No doubt Hitler would rather finish off Russia, then Britain, before coming to close quarters with the United States. That would be in accordance with his usual technique of one by one.

"Hitler has, however, the greatest possible need to prevent precious munitions and resources from falling into the hands of the United States Government from reaching our shores. Should he do so, the area of the danger zones will again become enormous.

"In the meantime let us hear no vain talk about the battle of the Atlantic being won. We may be content with the successes which have rewarded patience and exertion, but war is inexhaustible in its surprises.

Visit To Iceland
"With great pleasure on my home-ward voyage I visited Iceland where we were received with the utmost cordiality by the Government and people and where I had the honour of reviewing large numbers of strong British and United States forces which no doubt due to entirely different reasons and in pursuance of separate duties happened to be engaged jointly in defending this important island and stepping-stone across the Atlantic from Nazi intrusion and attack.

"Very considerable British and United States air and naval forces are also assembled in Iceland. The spacious airfields which we have constructed and are expanding there and in Newfoundland will play an ever-increasing part in the control of these broad waters and, in the continual flow of the broadening stream of heavy bombers now acting against Germany night after night will play a decisive part in the final victory.

Eastern Theatre
"Our affairs have also prospered in the eastern theatre of war. Our relations with Iraq are governed by a Treaty of Alliance which in time of war or other emergency accords to us wide powers for the purpose of defending Iraq and British interests.

After reference to German infiltration and intrigue on the night of the pro-German Raschid Ali, Mr Churchill said: "This move did not find us wholly unprepared. We had the right and duty to protect our communications through Iraq and orders were immediately given to send to Basra an Indian division which had been held in readiness for this emergency. Hoping perhaps to secure from us recognition of his illegal regime, Raschid Ali pretended to welcome the arrival of our troops."

Value Of Crete War
Mr Churchill traced the progress of operations in Iraq and said that Raschid Ali appealed constantly to the Germans to fulfil their promises but only 30 or 40 German planes arrived from Syria and endeavoured tentatively to instal themselves to Baghdad and in the north at Mosul.

There was an explanation of this German failure. The German parachute air-borne corps, which was doubtless to have operated in Iraq and would have been assisted on their journey across Syria by the Vichy French had been largely exterminated in the Battle of Crete. Over 4,000 of these specialist troops were killed and very large numbers of aircraft carriers were destroyed. This specialist corps was engaged in the ferocious fighting that although they forced us to evacuate Crete they were in no condition for further operations.

With the new Iraqi Government we have been able to return to a basis of friendly co-operation which we propose to follow. The Treaty is now being joyfully observed on both sides. There are still dangers in Iraq which require attention but cause for no major anxiety.

Intrigue In Syria
The Germans' intrigue with the Vichy French in Syria had meanwhile been in full swing and the Vichy French Government General Dentz in a boss and treacherous manner was striving his utmost to further German interests.

Our armies in Greece had been evacuated, having lost much equipment. Our western front in Cirenica had been beaten in by an incursion of General von Rommel's German African Corps and we had a revolt in Iraq to suppress. Nevertheless we found it possible, in conjunction with the Free French, to invade Syria. The Free French battalion fought gallantly in co-operation with our forces which ultimately reached the equivalent of about four divisions.

Australian and Indian troops distinguished themselves repeatedly in action.

Cyprus And Levant
The occupation of Syria by the Army of the Nile carried with it the means of securing the safety of Cyprus and all this part of the Levant came into a far more satisfactory position.

Our naval and air control over the eastern end of the Mediterranean became effective and we obtained direct contact with our Turkish

Mission under Mr Averell Harriman which I trust will soon be here.

Beaverbrook At Head
"Our Mission will be headed by Lord Beaverbrook, who has already been in close conference with the President. We already have a military mission with officers of high rank in Moscow. Those whom Lord Beaverbrook takes with him will therefore supplement those who are already there. The names are not yet selected and will be published in due course. It is obviously undesirable to announce the date of the Mission until it has been decided but no time will be lost.

"Meanwhile many very important emergency decisions are being taken and large supplies are on the way. We must be prepared for serious sacrifices in the munitions field to meet Russia's needs (Cheers). The most exertion will be required from all concerned in production not only to help Russia but to fill the gaps which must now be opened in our long-tought and at last arriving supply.

Limitations
"Everything given to Russia is subtracted from what we are making ourselves or in part at least from what would have been sent us by the United States. The flow of our own product in Britain and the Empire is still rising. It will reach full flood during the third year of wartime munitions production.

"If the United States are to fulfil the task they have set themselves, very large installations will have to be established or converted and there will have to be further curtailment of civilian consumption over there as they fully recognize. We ourselves expect a definite reduction in military supplies from America, on which we have counted, but within certain limits we are prepared to accept those facts.

"Our limiting factors like time, distance and geography impose themselves upon us. There are limitations on transport and harbour facilities. Above all there is the limitation of shipping.

Open Routes
"Only three routes are open—the Arctic by Archangel which may be hampered by winter ice; the Far Eastern route via Vladivostok which is scowled upon by the Japanese and operates over 7,000 miles of railway lines; and the route across Persia which leads over a 500-mile stretch from the Persian Gulf into the great inland sea, the Caspian, upon which the Russians maintain a strong naval force and which gives access to the very heart of Russia, namely the Volga Basin.

"The Germans were of course busy betimes in Persia with their usual tricks. German tourists, missions and diplomats were suborning the people and government with the object of creating a fifth column which would dominate the Government of Tehran and not only seize or destroy oil fields which are of the highest consequence but—a fact to which I attach extreme importance—to close the surest and shortest route whereby we could reach Russia.

Demands On Iran
"We thought it necessary, therefore, to ensure that these Iranian demands did not succeed. Accordingly we demanded from the Persian Government the immediate expulsion of their Teutonic visitors. We must have the surrender into our hands of all Germans and Italians who are on the premises (Cheers). We must have the expulsion of the German and Italian Legations whose diplomatic status we of course respect.

"We must have unquestioned control and maintenance of thorough communications from the warm-water port of Basra to the Caspian Sea (Cheers). It is from this point particularly that American supplies can be carried into the centre of Russia in an ever-widening stream of British supplies as well.

"Every effort will be made to improve railway communications and expand the volume of supplies which can be transported over the existing British gauge railway which has happily only recently been completed. It is a railway of great importance of rolling stock and locomotives to expand it greatly as a line of supply.

Drastic Measures
"I have no doubt that the House will approve the somewhat drastic measures we thought it right to take to achieve these important objects (Cheers) and further measures we may have to take. The occupation of Persia enables us to join hands with the southern flank of the Russian Army and bring into action there both the military and air forces. It also serves important British objects in presenting a shield which should bar the eastward advance of the German invader.

"In this, the armies of India whose military quality becomes shiningly apparent, will play an increasing part and in so doing will keep the 'curse of war a thousand miles or more from the homes of the peoples of India. One must, therefore, expect very considerable deployments of British and Indian forces and Australian forces probably will dominate forces will gradually manifest themselves in this enormous and desolate and ill-developed region.

Long Allied Front
"The Allied front now runs in an immense crescent from Spitzbergen in the Arctic to Tobruk in the Western Desert and our section of this front will be held by British and Empire armies with their growing strength, fed and equipped by

ocean-borne supplies from Britain, United States, India and Australasia. "I am glad to say that adequate naval power will be at hand both in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans to secure the sea routes against attack. If we now look back for a moment, we can measure the solid improvement in our position in the Middle East or east which has been achieved since the French suddenly fell out of the war and the Italians made haste so eagerly to come in against us.

Former Position
"At that date all we had in those parts was about 80,000 to 100,000 men starved of munitions and equipment which had been sent to the French front—always first to claim the best that we had. We had lost the means of safe communication through the Mediterranean and almost all main bases on which we relied. We were anxiously concerned for our defence of Nalrobi, Khartoum, British Somaliland and almost all of the Nile Valley and Palestine, including the cities of Cairo and Jerusalem. None was safe but nevertheless after a little more than a year we had managed to gather very large and well-equipped armies which already begin to approach 750,000 supplied with munitions of equipment of all kinds.

"We have developed an air force almost as large as we had in Britain at that time and it is rapidly expanding. We have conquered the whole Italian Empire in Abyssinia and Eritrea and killed or taken prisoner Italian armies of over 400,000 men, whereby these regions were defended.

"If the United States and the British Empire have consolidated our position in Palestine and Iraq, we have taken effective control of Syria and provided for the security of Cyprus.

"Finally by a swift and vigorous campaign in Persia we have joined hands with our Russian allies and stand in line to bar the further eastward progress of the enemy.

Respect Of History
"Whatever the future may contain there are achievements which will earn the respect of history. Thus for we have travelled along a terrible road which we chose at the call of duty. The mood of Britain is widely and rightly averse from every form of premature exultation.

"This is not the time for boast or glowing prophecies but there is this—a year ago our position looked forlorn and well-nigh desperate to all eyes but our own. To-day we are still master of our fate. We are still Captain of our soul."

Opposition Parties Show Approval

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—The spokesman of the Opposition Front Bench, Mr Lees-Smith (Labour), speaking in the House of Commons, said he felt that in our present position there were grounds for solid satisfaction as compared with the first anniversary of the war. There had been four great turning-points in the war. First, the fall of France, second, the Battle for Britain, third, the Lease-Lend Act, and fourth, the marvellous Russian resistance which surprised not only the German High Command but every General Staff in the world.

Mr Lees-Smith said he felt like the eight point declaration to be "run to be filled in without further delay so that it should be published to the people of Europe when the right moment arrived.

"If any land force were to be sent on to the continent of Europe he hoped that it would be so prepared that it would be able to advance because we do not want to put force there that will have to be on the defensive all the time."

Exploits Of Navy
He especially congratulated the exploits of the Royal Navy in the last few days in the Mediterranean "because it would be able to advance because we do not want to put force there that will have to be on the defensive all the time."

Liberal Leader
Sir Percy Harris (Liberal leader), endorsed the necessity of giving every help to Russia. He was amazed that anyone should quibble about this or that phrase in the Atlantic Charter.

"It was signed by two of the greatest men of our generation and it provides a foundation on which we can build."

He would like the Charter to be endorsed by the House of Commons and by the United States Congress and then confirmed by all Allied Governments.

Excessive Enthusiasm Of Police Sgt.

European Officer Fined

Lance-Sergeant James Cairns, 25, of the Hongkong Police Force, appeared before Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistrate's Court this morning on three charges of misconduct.

Mr F. W. Shaftain, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, prosecuted, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector J. O'Donovan. Mr M. A. da Silva appeared for Defendant and pleaded guilty.

It was alleged that Defendant entered No. 104 Hollywood Road, ground floor, Central district, without authority on August 12, damaged two opium pipes and ordered some people off the premises; that between June 27 and July 4, he damaged four opium pipes at No. 7 Chung Hing Street, third floor, Central; and that between July 5 and 10 he broke two opium lamps at No. 210 Hollywood Road, third floor, Central, where he also ordered some people off the premises.

Excessive Enthusiasm
Mr Shaftain stated that Defendant had his own idea of going to opium dens, breaking opium pipes and ordering customers out of the places on his own authority. This was possibly due to Defendant's excessive enthusiasm in his duty.

There was a rumour that the Police Department would be ordered to clear out opium dens and the fact that Defendant probably was too premature in taking advantage of the rumour.

Only recently section sergeants were appointed and Defendant was one of these. Defendant had been too enthusiastic in carrying out his action of such places as opium dens.

After each of the raids carried out by Defendant in opium dens a certain Chinese would come to the place and demand money. As the money demanded was so insignificant Defendant could not be connected with the affair.

It was said that his client was too enthusiastic in his duties and cleaned up a number of opium dens under his sections on his own authority. There was no motive or any other motive attached to it.

Mr Shaftain said that Defendant was in carrying out one's duty. Mr Silva asked His Worship to impose a fine.

His Worship in finding Defendant guilty, said he understood from Mr Shaftain that Defendant would not be dismissed from the Force because of this conviction.

Malayan Defence Extension

SINGAPORE, Sept. 9 (Dewel).—The Malayan Government announced extension of the Malaya coast defence area bordering on the China sea to a point over 200 miles north of Singapore placing the entire eastern seaboard of Pahang under military control. The measure affects the mouths of Malay rivers flowing into the China Sea which are placed under military control.

Mr Duff Cooper

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though the action we would take in such a hypothetical case I naturally cannot forecast. We are working in close co-operation with the United States and this co-operation is of utmost importance. I think that I can fairly state that neither Britain nor the United States desires to see the war spread to the Pacific, but if it does we are easy to face whatever comes."

Mr Duff Cooper said that in his re-visit of the Far Eastern situation, he will almost certainly visit Burma, Australia and the Netherlands East Indies. The possibility of his going to Hongkong is not excluded though there is no immediate likelihood of his going to Japan.

"Central News" adds: Mr Cooper stated that he would tackle Malayan domestic problems during his journey here, pointing out that that is Sir Shenton Thomas's job. He said he may send fact-finding reports to the British Government by cable, Clipper or personally later.

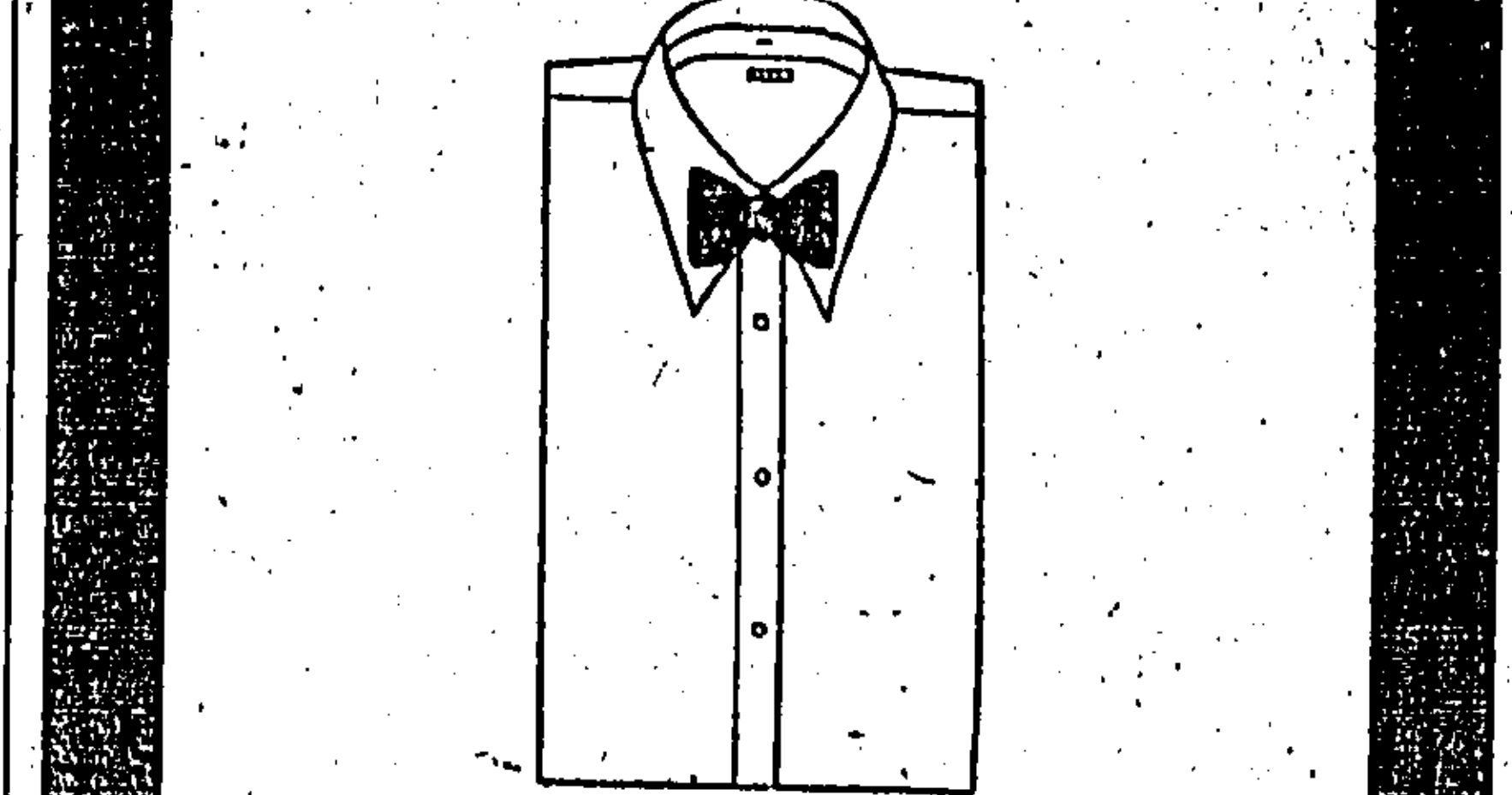
While in Manila, he saw President Manuel Quezon and the United States' High Commissioner, Mr Francis Sayre, but did not have time to inspect the defences.

Mr Cooper refused to discuss Pacific affairs in detail saying only that co-operation between the British and the United States Governments is being carried out and that he is sure that the co-operation will be continued."

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Around The Courses

Colony Championship On October 26



CAN'T FIGHT THIS WAY — In preliminary bout at Madison Square Garden, New York, recently, Mike Balloise of The Bronx viewed the world upside down, after Bobby Ruffin of Astoria, L. I., knocked him through the ropes.

Lawn Bowls Championship

Several Close Matches In Yesterday's Schedule

SEVERAL close matches featured yesterday's programme in the First Round of the Colony Singles Lawn Bowls Championship. In many games, the scoring over the last two or three heads was the deciding factor.

Results were:

At Kowloon B.G.C.

J. G. Meyer beat R. Duncan 21-20 on the 25th.
W. L. Walker beat L. Sykes 21-17 on the 25th.

At Kowloon F.C.

J. Shepherd beat A. Hyde Lay 21-20 on the 25th.
T. A. Madar beat J. F. McGowan 21-6 on the 18th.

At Kowloon C.C.

Y. Abbas beat H. Basto 21-15 on the 22nd.

At Craigengower

C. Dowman beat W. McLeod 21-15 on the 25th.
A. Brookbank beat S. H. Marvin 21-9 on the 17th.

At Hongkong F.C.

W. Blair beat C. S. Rosset 21-17 on the 23rd.
A. M. Omar beat J. S. Riddell 21-5 on the 13th.

At Police R.C.

H. Overy beat J. S. Landolt 21-16 on the 25th.
S. M. Rumjahn beat W. V. Field 21-16 on the 23rd.

At C.S.C.C.

M. R. Abbas beat C. Gowland 21-19 on the 21st.
J. Lapsley beat K. M. Omar 21-18 on the 25th.

Fighting Finish

J. G. MEYER beat R. Duncan in what was truly a fighting finish. Every five heads the score levelled, with each alternately taking the lead in between. Meyer was ahead for the first four heads, then Duncan gradually took over charge until the 10th, when the score was 10-11, and it levelled again at 11-11 on the 14th.

A fine three on the 20th gave Duncan the lead at 16-15, but once again Meyer got back to level terms at 17-11 on the 23rd.

Up till then it had been anybody's game, but when Duncan registered another great three on the 24th—which brought his score to within one of victory, while Meyer was 17—the match seemed over.

Duncan needed one to win and Meyer four, and the latter got those four by singles on the last four heads. Each head had its fine moments, and Meyer is to be congratulated not only for his win over such a good opponent, but for his fighting finish.

Another Fine Duel

W. L. WALKER and L. Sykes were seen in a second fine duel at the Kowloon B.G.C., the former winning 21-17 after the scores were dead-locked 17-17 on the 24th end.

Sykes opened in convincing style, and had scored six before Walker found touch. Then, with two 2's and a 3 he drew level at 7-7, and from then on it was a pendulum struggle with Walker ever having the slight edge.

The score went 11-8, 12-10, 15-12, 15-11, 17-16 and finally 17-11.

A close single on the 25th put Walker in the lead, and he bowled brilliantly on the last head to score his 3 for victory.

Unavailing Bid

A. HYDE LAY made a gallant but unavailing bid for honours when he met J. Shepherd at the Kowloon F.C. Shepherd won 21-20 after the score levelled at 20-20 on the 24th end.

It was again a story of changing leads. First one then the

To-day's Fixtures

CHAMPIONSHIP fixtures for to-day are:

Singles

E. de Souza v. C. W. Lam (at Kowloon B.G.C.)
M. McKenzie v. M. N. Rakusen, and J. McCutcheon v. T. Coleman (at Kowloon F.C.)
W. V. Harris v. J. Hayward, and R. M. Ogden v. M. E. Purvis (at Police R.C.)

A. G. Grant v. J. H. Gelling, and B. A. Mansell v. A. W. Hircok (at Hongkong F.C.)
W. J. Bagley v. W. C. Higgs (at Prison O.C.)

D. M. Khan v. G. J. Perkins, and W. Simpson v. U. M. Omar (at Civil Service C.C.)
A. M. Holland v. V. S. Ebbage (at Craigengower)

Pairs

W. L. Walker and R. Duncan v. N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan (at Kowloon F.C.)
L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro v. D. A. Rosario and J. S. Landolt (at Civil Service C.C.)

other was in front, until the score levelled at 16-11 on the 21st.

Then Shepherd recorded a devastating 4 to put himself within reach of victory, but Hyde Lay was far from done. He edged through to score a single on the 23rd and then proceeded to add 3 to his again at 20-11.

The last head was tense. Shepherd took the count at 2, but almost every wood sent down had spectators on edge.

Win For Wally Mair

WALLY MAIR scored one of his finest wins to date when he eliminated C. S. Rosset 21-17 at the Hongkong F.C. He had led all the way, but Rosset had drawn up to 17-19 on the 22nd, at which stage there was little to choose between the bowlers.

The last head was Mair's triumph. He claimed 3 to defeat a very worthy opponent.

From Behind

J. LAPSLEY came from behind to beat K. M. Omar 21-18 at the Civil Service C.C. It was again a story of a fighting finish. Lapsley's first break came when he drew for a 4 on the 20th to put him within one shot of Omar, who had led all the way.

Omar went slightly further ahead with a single on the next end, but Lapsley scored two singles to draw level at 18-18, and then another single to lead 19-18. Then he scored yet again on the next end and with his 2 won a fine match.

A Close Call

M. R. ABBAS had a close call when he almost went under to C. Gowland at the C.S.C.C. Gowland and McCutcheon, it will be remembered, put it over Abbas and A. R. Dallas in the Pairs competition, and history nearly repeated last night.

Though he had led from the start, Abbas conceded a 4 on the 18th, which made scores 16-11, and then a 3 on the 19th, which put Gowland in a winning position.

It was a question of who could get the jack, and Abbas showed the slightly finer touch. He concluded with a burst of two 2's.

Championship Aquatic Heats This Evening

FIRST HEATS for the Colony Swimming Championships will be held this evening at the Victoria Recreation Club pool commencing at 6.07 p.m.

The programme is:

Men's 880 yards free-style.
Men's 220 yards back-stroke.
Men's 100 yards breast-stroke.
V.R.C. Boys 50 yards back-stroke handicap.

Competitors will be:

Half mile—Yu Shin-kan (Chinese "Y"), Chiu Wai-lim (Sing Tao), Charles Huan (University), Chan Chiu-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping (Lai Trun).

220 yards back-stroke—Au Leung-wah (S.C.A.A.), Chan Kum-cheng (Chinese "Y"), Poon Wing-kai (Lai Trun), Lau Yiu-ling (Lai Trun), Robert Chan (C.B.C.), A. K. Rumjahn and W. Lawrence (V.R.C.).

100 yards breast-stroke—Fung Wai-cheng (Chinese "Y"), Ho Ping (Sing Tao), Tung Yiu-ling (Sing Tao), Ho Poon-kun (S.C.A.A.), Luis M. Remedios (V.R.C.) and Tang Hon-chiu (University).

Boys 50 yards back-stroke—J. J. Reynolds, G. Saunders, A. B. de Carvalho, E. D. da Rosa and F. A. Noronha.

C. R. C. To Consider Incorporation

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the Hongkong Chinese Recreation Club will be held at the club premises, Causeway Bay, on Saturday, September 13, at 4.30 p.m., to consider, and if thought fit to pass, a resolution to the effect that the Club shall be incorporated under the Companies Ordinance 1932, as a company limited by guarantee under the name of "The Hongkong Chinese Recreation Club."

Two Weeks' Practice On Fanling Courses

Aiding Hongkong's War Effort

(By "Birdie")

So, another season rolls round, though I don't suppose one can honestly say that golfers are over dormant, for though the majority of competitions are confined to the winter, some are held during the summer months and heat cannot be said to stop players from going around.

However, the Colony Amateur Championship at Fanling on October 26 heralds the active half of the year. And, as usual, the competition is open to all amateur golfers in Hongkong resident for six months or more and who are members of Clubs here.

Limit handicap, as last year, is 12, and each Club outside the Royal Hongkong Golf Club is limited to ten entries. As I mentioned last week, there are seven Clubs in Hongkong, and if each of the six (excluding the R.H.K.G.C.) sent in ten players there would be a pretty good field—one which would tax the accommodation of even Fanling, with the two 18-hole courses.

The competition is 36 holes medal play—18 on the Old Course, and 18 on the New—and for the whole, four small prizes will be given. These will be for:

- (1) the best 36 holes score,
- (2) the best visitor's score over 36 holes,
- (3) the best round on the Old Course, and
- (4) the best round on the New Course.

No player will be allowed to win more than one prize, and any surplus monies will be donated to the South China Morning Post War Fund. Entrance fee is \$5.

As in previous years, too, the Fanling courses will be thrown open to intending competitors for two weeks' practice prior to the actual competition. This period will be from Monday, October 13 to Saturday, October 25—Sunday, October 19, being excluded.

Entries close on October 20. The number of players from the home Club is unrestricted, for as far as possible it is the intention to pair off visitors with a R.H.K.G.C. member.

LAST year Alec Pearce took first place with 156 (76 and 80),

Ready To Claim Pitching Record

NEWPORT, Ark., July 17 (AP).—Clarence Iott, pitcher for Paragould in the Northeast Arkansas League, is ready to claim some kind of strikeout-and endurance record.

Iott struck out 30 men in a 10-inning game with Newport last night and allowed only six hits.

The game was called at the end of the 10th, the score locked at 1-1.

TO "VICTOR" THE SPOILS



Smiling Vic Ghezzi (left), Tom Walsh, President of the P.G.A., and Byron Nelson. Ghezzi won the P.G.A. title beating defending champion Byron Nelson at the 38th.

Shanghai Half-mile Record Bettered By 11 Seconds

SHANGHAI, Aug. 31.—In the most magnificent exhibition of long-distance swimming ever seen in Shanghai, T. S. Chie, the Chinese star who has flashed on the local horizon this year like a comet, broke the record for the 880 yards free style last night at the Rowing Club Gala by fully 11 seconds, clocking 11 minutes 54 3/5 seconds as compared with the former mark of 12 minutes 5 3/5 seconds established by Don Smith in 1936.

In achieving this outstanding performance—which is all the more remarkable inasmuch as Chie had only one other swimmer in the pool during the race, two having scratched, and was never extended in the slightest—the Chinese star won further laurels by covering the first 440 yards in under 5 minutes 20 seconds, a time nearly 15 seconds better than the existing record for the distance.

Other Results

The other three Shanghai Championships last night highlighting one of the most enjoyable galas of the season—produced neither upsets nor startling performances.

Bobbie Hekking won the men's 100 yards free style in the comparatively slow time of 50 1/2 seconds, though he very nearly lost the race to R. Leoni who almost caught him napping with a gallant spurt in the last lap.

The men's 100 yards back stroke went to Ernie Smith as expected in the fair time of 70 1/2 seconds, while Charlie Butt captured the junior 100 yards free style in the promising time of 61 1/2 seconds.

Judging from his performance last night Butt should break the local senior record of 67 1/2 for the distance in another two years.

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R.A.F. RAIDS ALARM NAZI LEADERS

Hamburg A City of Ruins

While Germany is paying a heavy price in men and equipment for victories in Russia, the condition of the home front, writes W. E. Lucas in the American newspaper "Christian Science Monitor," may well be giving the Nazi leadership still more cause for alarm.

Uncensured bombings, sometimes day and night, by the tireless Royal Air Force—and with a constantly increasing tonnage of bombs dropped—are bringing dislocation not only to Germany's production in the West, but, what is still more serious, to the morale of the war-weary German people.

From sources of unquestionable reliability, I have been able to gain some remarkable information as to the full extent of this process of dislocation and demoralisation, which if continued for any appreciable time is bound to make itself felt eventually in the Nazi programme itself.

For over two months now the R.A.F. has been staging a tremendous offensive against the industrial west of Germany, against Bremen, Hamburg, Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, the Ruhr and the Rhineland. As the summer fades into autumn and then deeper into winter this assault mounts in intensity and spreads its destruction over the furthest points of Germany and into Czechoslovakia and Poland, where the Nazis have already transferred many of their war industries.

New Bomb Used

Much of the effectiveness of the R.A.F. attack has been due to a new type of bomb recently put into use. Eye-witnesses have described this as a sort of aerial torpedo which, straightening out when it nears the ground, takes on a horizontal flight. Its velocity carries it through many obstacles, piercing walls and causing houses to collapse before it finally explodes.

The destructive power of such a bomb in built-up areas is evident, since in horizontal flight it cannot travel far without coming into contact with something. On one street in Hamburg a whole row of houses was demolished by one of these bombs, and somewhere in the suburbs of that city an old man now sits on his porch with a clear view of the river which before was concealed by three blocks of buildings.

There is sufficient evidence coming out of Germany to show that the material damage in certain districts has been severe. It is known, for instance, that the main Focke-Wulf airplane factory in Bremen was razed to the ground, though as yet the subsidiary plant on the banks of the River Weser has not been hit.

Two Dockyards Destroyed

In Hamburg two dockyards, where five submarines were under construction, were completely destroyed; all the houses and shops around the docks are rubble and all that is left standing in the Adolf Hitler Platz, where the Town Hall was situated, is ironically enough the statue of William I.

The district around the Friedrichsberger Station is in ruins. In earlier raids on Berlin the Siemens factory in the north-west suburbs of the city was severely damaged. The Gleisdreieck subway station and the army stores depot at Bellevue were destroyed. In the Chorinnesstrasse, where 60 houses were bombed, a bomb which hit the gas and water mains caused the drowning of 80 people in one shelter.

It is reported that Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Propaganda Minister, has kept the Ministry's most recent investigation into the morale of the people away from the German High Command. That, if it is true, may be significant.

AUSSIES ITCHING TO FIGHT

Malaya Ready For Trouble

"If the Japanese strike at Thailand, they are in for a hot reception," declare sick and injured A.I.F. men who have returned to Sydney from Malaya.

Malaya is a fortress, and the A.I.F. men standing to arms on the Thailand border are "itching to fight," they told the "Sydney Sun."

"Practically every day for the past two months boat-loads of men have been arriving," declared Private G. B. Anderson, of Broadmeadow (Newcastle). "There is a tremendous number of troops there now—Australian, British and Indian."

Relief From Boredom

"Our boys greeted the 'order' to move up on to the Thailand border with delight for it came after months of inactivity. The weather up there is not too good—85 degrees in the day time and at night—and our chaps were beginning to get bored."

"They are not bored now. Every one of them is 'rearing' to go! There were lots of minor illness due to the heat and the food, but the chaps have forgotten that now."

"They want only one thing—to fight. That is what they went there for."

"Our boys think the world of the G.O.C. (Major-General Gordon Bennett) and they will be happy to go into battle with him at their head."

"Apart from the heat and the food, our chaps have a little to complain about. People up there work until 1 o'clock and then finish for the day. Australians have found it hard to keep going all day."

"The boys I left over there," said Private H. G. Shepherd, of Canberra, "will welcome a scrap. And there are plenty of troops there to handle the Japanese."

"Looking across from the place where I was stationed, you could see nothing but troops. The boys are just aching to get into it."

Missed Comforts

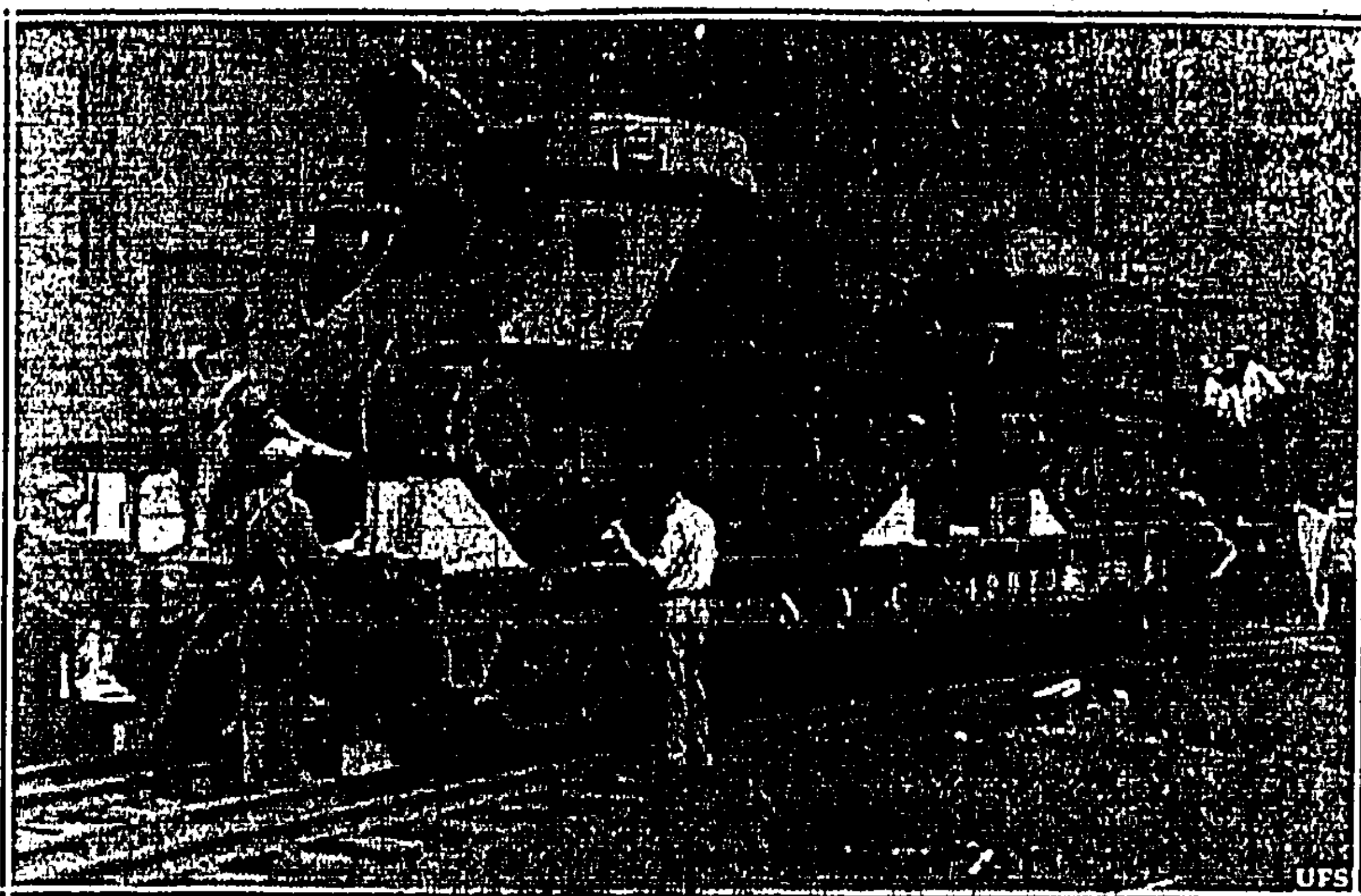
Private W. Keith (39), of Dubbo, who had his leg broken in an accident, said that numerous men in the ambulance unit to which he had been attached were complaining bitterly at the absence of comforts.

"I was in Malaya for five months," he added, "and I never once received a single parcel."

"Even parcels sent to us from our relatives seemed to have gone astray. The boys are loth to believe that this is due to deliberate tampering with the mail, and put it down to bad organisation."

Pte. Keith said that the quantity and quality of the food at Malaya was excellent. Cigarettes were plentiful, although pipe tobacco was very hard to get at times.

The morale of the troops was excellent, he continued. Their equipment was 100 per cent, and they felt confident of handling any emergency. Planes were constantly in the air and any move that might be made against Malaya would certainly not take the inhabitants by surprise.



TANKS FOR BRITAIN—"Aid on a gigantic scale," is how Britain's Prime Minister Churchill summed up U.S. help. Here are first two 28½-ton medium type armoured tanks ready for shipment to Britain from Pullman-Standard Car plant at Hammond, Ind. They're the first of a large British order.

Czechs Charge Nazi Rulers With Torture: Report Issued

Details of Nazi torture are made public in a book entitled "Two Years of German Oppression in Czecho-Slovakia," published by the Czecho-Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with a preface by Eduard Benes, the Czech President.

In discussing treatment of Roman Catholic priests, said to be used as beasts of burden in concentration camps, the book cites cases.

"It is a frequent sight," the account runs, "to meet on the roads a priest dressed in rags, exhausted, pulling a cart, and behind him a youth in S. A. uniform with a riding whip in his hand."

The following is from an account of the way students of Prague were treated after German police had "provoked" them to protest against Nazi extremists:

"They were stripped, drenched with icy water and made to lie on the ground the whole night in cold weather. They were compelled to run around the riding-school, urged on by blows from whips and cudgels, until heart and lungs could stand no more."

"Others, again, bound in groups of three, had the lobes of their ears torn, their eyes struck out by blows from whips and under the amused gaze of German typists who were sitting there at their machines. When the students had suffered nameless tortures they were forced to cry out in chorus 'We thank you.' Certain atrocities cannot be related as they were inspired by a sexual and sadistic pathological strain by which most of the Gestapo agents and German soldiers seem to be affected."

Much Unfit To Print

"The Germans also brought a number of girl students taken from their homes in the course of a nocturnal raid. Many of the girls were dragged on to large open spaces surrounded by tanks and violated in view of the bound male students, some of them by several men in succession. The German soldiers burned the breasts of their victims with cigarette ends."

(What follows, in the book, is too loathsome and horrible for publication in a newspaper.)

Chapter titles include "Twenty Years of Happy Development Until Munich," "Invasion, Political Persecution, Destruction of Czecho-Slovak Autonomous Life, Atrocities," "Germanisation," "Persecution of Christian Churches," "Persecution of Jews," "Economic Enslavement and Robbery."

Torture Laid To Women
"In the streets of Brno," it is reported, "scenes took place in which even German women and children were used to each other to see who could most cruelly torment the Jews who had been driven into the streets. The Jews were nailed to the great delight of the German population. Many of the wounded remained lying on the pavement for hours, only a few were successful in finding first-aid; the hospitals and clinics were soon full to overflowing. One Jewish factory owner was trampled to death."

Economically the Czecho-Slovak nation itself is being expropriated, the book asserts.

"The economic damage the nation has suffered in two unhappy years of the German regime may be assessed at one-third of the national property left after Munich. No

Neuro-Surgery Cures Severe Head Wounds

LONDON (UP).—Soldiers from Dunkirk were taken to hospital in London with serious head wounds. That was 12 months ago. To-day, they are back with their units. Medical science has achieved another pinnacle.

The surgeons now can treat serious head wounds—even cases of fractured skulls and injuries to the brain—which were considered incurable, only 15 years ago. Treatment is given at emergency hospitals of London County Council, and at other centres all over the country.

Air-raid casualties have been treated with results that are declared to be "wonderful—even spectacular."

An injured skull formerly often meant early death or disability for life. To-day, hundreds of people whose skulls were injured in air-raids are walking the London streets—cured.

The success has been achieved through the hands of the neurosurgeon.

The greatest of these surgeons is working in London. He is a tall, bearded man with the delicate hands of an artist.

Local Anaesthetic
A reporter who attended one of his operations said only a local anaesthetic was used. The patient, after it was all over, said it was only like having a tooth out.

Bone from some other part of the patient's body was used for grafting.

Patients are kept together in the emergency hospitals, constantly under the supervision of the neurosurgeon in charge, a plastic surgeon whose job is to treat cases of face injury, and a general practitioner.

Most cases in the wards of the hospitals to-day are air-raid victims. One of them, in London, is an 11-year-old girl, Joyce Saunders.

She was hit on the head by flying debris. Yet, she is being cured.

Paralysed
Another London patient, Mrs. Minnie Forrest, was injured seriously in one of the first air raids. Her head is still bandaged but she is on the way to recovery.

Miss Margaret Roberts, a London dressmaker, was hit on the head by shell splinters, and her right side was paralysed. To-day, she is cured—and her hair, which was cut off for the operation, has grown again—glossy, brown curls.

War catastrophe could have had such devastating effect.

It also is reported that the Germans try to destroy Czech education. When a Czech delegation requested the reopening of universities, the Nazi Secretary of State, K. H. Frank, is said to have replied:

"If the war will be won by England, you will open your schools yourselves. If Germany wins, an elementary school with five classes will be enough for you."

Food Supply Is Assured This Winter

Losses From Bombing Very Small Fraction

Raymond Gram Swing, WOR commentator broadcasting from London recently said he was surprised to find that the food supply in Britain was larger now than a year ago.

"Last year there were more non-essentials," he said, "to-day a greater portion of the supply is made up of essentials. I was also told that despite the rising curve of shipping losses... there will not be a food shortage in Great Britain this winter below the minimum standard set by the government."

Food losses from the bombing of ware-houses is only a fraction of the losses from torpedoing at sea, he said.

"Once the food is landed in Britain the chance of its being destroyed in warehouses is quite small. The food isn't being piled up in the ports or near the ports; it is being distributed all over the country and in such small lots that its destruction by bombing is extremely difficult."

Food Restaurants

Mr. Swing also told of the more than 900 eating places, called British Restaurants, set up all over the country. There folks who have only a shilling or so to spend on a meal outside their homes can eat a meal for 15 or 20 cents without reducing their rationed food. The government usually lend the money to local authorities to open the restaurants, and after that they are self-supporting, he said.

Mr. Swing concluded that on the whole the food situation was not desperate and guessed that the present British diet was healthier than in pre-war times.

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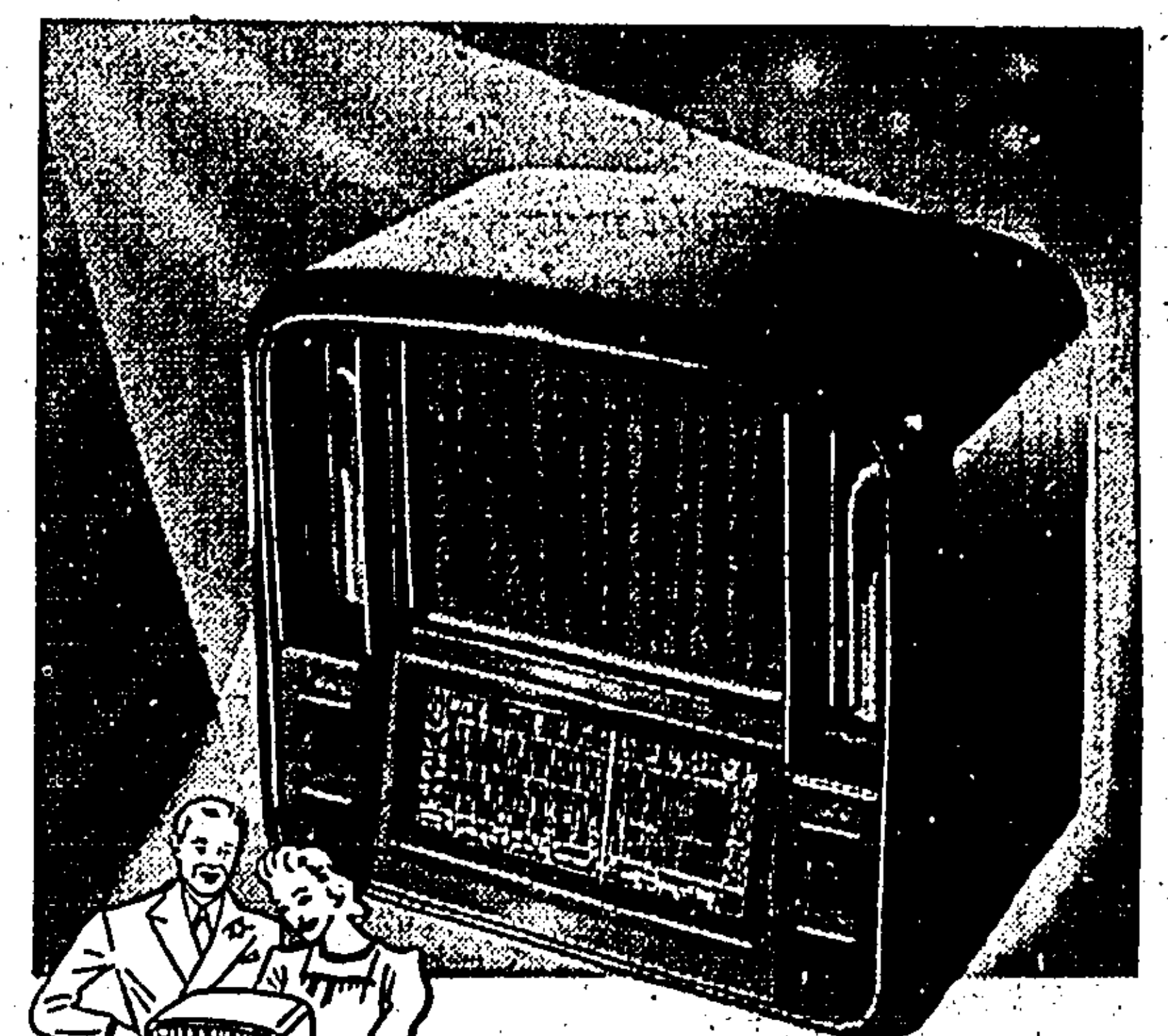


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Smashing Successes Claimed By Russians

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Gulf of Finland which, it is recalled, according to German commentators has been heavily mined.

Nazis Thrashed
MOSCOW, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—After a struggle of more than three weeks, the German forces on the right of their centre have taken a severe thrashing.

This means that any renewed German attempt at a frontal drive to the east from Smolensk would be precarious from the start. German forces amounting to about 120,000 men have been broken.

Red Guerrillas
LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—Behind the German lines, unrelenting warfare continues, and Moscow Radio says that in many districts the masters of the situation are the guerrillas rather than the Nazis.

The town of Pskov, the scene of severe fighting some weeks ago when the Germans were making a thrust from Pskov to the region south of Lake Ilmen, has just been visited by guerrillas. They destroyed German ammunition and fuel dumps and set fire to the Nazis' huts. An alarm was sounded and the Germans ran to the spot where they saw a fire and heard shots but no one was there. The guerrillas had entered the town from the other end in force and were in the way of the Nazis. While the Nazis were dealing with the fire, the main party was despatching German guards and shortly afterwards there was a terrific explosion as petrol dumps and ammunition stores blew up.

Rider Crossing Admitted

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (UP).—The "United Press" listening post to-day heard Rome Radio admit that the Russians have re-crossed the Danube in the sector where the Italian troops are stationed, but it was claimed that an Italian counter-attack destroyed Soviet tanks with many casualties. It added, "The Bolsheviks were forced to cease their operation."

Raid On Leningrad

Berlin, Sept. 9 (UP).—The Luftwaffe carried out massed raids on Leningrad yesterday and last night according to competent German sources, blasting railway lines, highways and other military objectives, and it is claimed, they inflicted heavy casualties on the large Red army forces who are crushed together in many instances. During one raid, the important water works of Leningrad were hit which probably seriously affects the city's drinking water supply.

German sources also claimed that in last night's raid on Moscow which was carried out by smaller forces an important automobile factory was hit.

U.S. Ship Illuminated When Sunk By Nazis

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other two. The Sessa was undoubtedly carrying foodstuffs and lumber of Iceland and the Icelandic Government, who owned the cargo, and not to the British or American garrisons there. The fact that she was carrying the flat of the Panama is likely to make little difference to reactions in the United States as she was American-owned and in the process of changing from Panamanian to American registry.

There is much speculation why the news of her loss was held up so long. "Reuter" learns that last Thursday the American Marine radio station in Iceland broadcast that the Sessa was long overdue and was believed to have been torpedoed.

News Held Up

No British or American station appears to have picked up this item and when the State Department announced the loss today, it came as a bombshell. It is thought probable that the news was held up pending receipt of fuller details from survivors.

"Reuter" understands from a good source that the President would have announced the loss in his broadcast on Monday night which was postponed owing to the death of his mother, and that when he broadcasts on Thursday he is likely to answer Mr Churchill's plea for further naval assistance.

Atlantic Patrol

Indeed Mr Churchill was answered before he spoke, for the speech was completed for delivery on Monday. It is understood here that the President will state that owing to Nazi attacks on American vessels, there will be a change in the Atlantic Patrol policy. Well-informed circles believe that he will announce an inviolable sea lane between the United States and Iceland and declare that any hostile warcraft found there will be "eliminated". In other words, any German submarine, surface craft or plane entering this zone will do so at risk of instant destruction by American naval forces.

More entry into the zone, it is understood, would be regarded as an act of hostility calling for destruction of the invading craft. The width of this sea lane is not known but it is fair to guess that it will be generous enough to ensure safety for all supplies for Britain between the United States and Iceland.

Japan-America Rapprochement?

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vessels will carry newly-appointed Embassy officials from Japan. This may be cited as supporting certain optimism in improvement in Japan's international outlook although tension in Tokyo remains divided with pessimism and expectancy.

The Privy Council meeting to-day will hear reports from the Army and

Sir Mark Young Arrives & is Sworn in

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K. Lo, the Hon. Mr Leo D'Almeida e Castro Jr., the Hon. Mr A. L. and Mrs Shields, the Hon. Mr W. N. Thomas and Mrs Tam, the Hon. Mr T. E. and Mrs Pearce, the Hon. Mr Li Tse-fong and Mrs Li.

Members of the Consular Body, as well as senior officials of the Government Service, and military and naval officers were also present.

Governor Sworn In

About three-quarters of an hour after his arrival, His Excellency the Governor proceeded to King's Theatre, where he took the Oaths of Allegiance and Office and received a public address of welcome delivered in English by the Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson and in Chinese by the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall.

There was a large and distinguished gathering present to witness the ceremony. On the arrival of the new Governor, who was accompanied by the Hon. Mr L. Smith, the band of the Royal Scots played the National Anthem.

After the reading by Mr A. G. Clarke, Clerk of Councils, of the Proclamation appointing Sir Mark Young to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hongkong, in session to Sir Geoffrey Norcote, His Excellency took the Oaths, which were administered by the Chief Justice, His Honour Sir Atholl McGregor.

Address Of Welcome.

The Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson, senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, in an address of welcome to Sir Mark Young said:

"Your Excellency, on your arrival here to take the high office of Governor the residents of this Colony extend to you a whole-hearted welcome. Hongkong is small in area when compared to Tanganyika Territory; it has however always been of great consequence as a port and as an outpost of the British Empire, but never more so than to-day.

We know you will very surely guide us along whatever path we may have to tread; Your Excellency can be assured of the loyal co-operation of all members of this community, of every race and creed.

Sir Mark Replies

His Excellency was greeted with applause as he rose to make the following reply: Your Excellencies, Your Honours, My Lord Bishop, Honourable Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Ladies and Gentlemen.—I thank you very warmly for the welcome which has been given to me on my arrival here to-day and for the sentiments expressed in the address which has been read by two of my unofficial colleagues in the Executive Council.

"I am, I assure you, very conscious of the great importance of this Outpost of the British Empire and have been greatly pleased to accept the office of the Colonial Service. I recognise also that, as you have observed in your address, the high place which the Colony of Hongkong has always held in the British Empire is to-day not merely undiminished, but is significance and the responsibility which that significance brings have been augmented and enhanced by the world conditions of to-day.

Some Expectations

"Let me tell you in a very few words something of the expectations with which I have come to Hongkong. To begin with the superficial: I have come expecting a scene of unvarnished beauty. There is no need for me to enlarge on the manner in which that expectation was more than fulfilled as my ship brought me into harbour a short while ago. May my other expectations prove to be equally well founded. They should do so for they are based on good authority.

"I have had valuable opportunities during my journey here to learn something about what is being done in Hongkong, and it was with particular pleasure when I learned that I should find here an outstanding measure of quality which I, for one, would rate more highly than any other quality which it is possible for citizens of the British Empire to display at the present time. I mean the quality of self-sacrifice and unwearying service in support of the cause for which the Empire is at war. In this respect I have brought with me as I have explained, high and confident expectations.

Finally, I have come with the sure expectation that the difficulties of my work in and for Hongkong are going to be lightened by that co-operation of which I have to-day most gladly and gratefully received your assurances.

Once more, ladies and gentlemen, I thank you very warmly for the welcome that you have given to me to-day."

Germans Lose 3 Ships

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propelled supply lighters by gunfire. Both were hit and damaged and one may have been sunk."

Communique

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—The Admiralty communique says: "Eight forces under the command of Rear Admiral P. L. Vian have been operating against German convoys supplying their troops on the Murmansk front. These operations have been successful."

"A German destroyer and an armed trawler have been sunk and the German light cruiser Bremse which was damaged by naval aircraft during the raid on Kirkenes in July, is believed to have been sunk. Other ships have probably been damaged. We sustained no damage. Further details are awaited.

possibly others on International reports, but foreign broadcast reports that a statement will be made by Prince Konoye after the meeting cannot be confirmed.

In the meantime foreign circles in Tokyo are displaying a keen interest in the nature of the forthcoming speech by President Roosevelt.

RUSSIAN WAR SUMMARY

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Nazis as the result of a counter-attack.

In mid-July the Soviet High Command announced the recapture of Rognatchev and Zlobin on the Dnieper just above Gomel. Many times in the fighting towns and large villages have changed hands but the Russians have not felt a purely local ebb and flow worthy of mention—they name the recapture of towns which they intend to hold.

Base Of Counter Attack

It is noteworthy that Rognatchev and Zlobin have not only remained in Russian hands since their recapture but have formed the basis for the deep narrow counter-attack which led to the German reports of severe fighting at Bobruisk some days ago when elsewhere in this sector fighting was well to the east of this town. More than 50 villages have been taken west of Yelnya by Soviet troops who are maintaining a relentless pursuit of the retreating Nazis. This is confirmed by Moscow dispatches late this afternoon that artillery fire can be heard 20 kilometres to the west of Yelnya.

Central Sector

On this central sector, the fate of the entire German campaign may ultimately depend. Even should Leningrad fall, Russia's military and economic position would not be decisively affected—the fall of Moscow would be another matter.

It is on the Leningrad front that the Germans and Finns are claiming successes. The Nazi claim to the capture of Schlüsselburg has not been confirmed nor has the Finnish claim to have reached the River Svir. The encirclement of Leningrad as the Nazis claim would be a serious matter for the Russians and for their Baltic fleet and at the outposts at Hangoe, Oesel and Daugon, but the Soviets have not hesitated in the past to admit unpleasant truths.

Other Side Of Claim

In all probability the encirclement claim represents a partial truth and it is just as likely that if "mobile" divisions of the German army have reached and taken the town of Schlüsselburg it is the mobile divisions of the German army that have been cut off from land communications and not Leningrad.

At the other end of the front the Germans still fail to cross the Dnieper. From Odessa come reports of "business as usual" and everywhere behind the German lines distrust of district reports visits from guerrilla fighters.

Billeting Ban On Wives

WIVES of officers and men stationed in Dorsetshire who have been staying with their husbands in billets have been told that either they or their husbands must leave the billets.

This is a result of an order issued by the commanding officer of the division. The order will be strictly applied and officers have been told that in future they must regard the matter as their home.

There has been wide discussion whether soldiers should be allowed to share billets with their families, particularly in defence areas, but this is only the second order made on the subject.

Not General

A War Office official said that the authorities have no intention of making a general order.

"The matter can safely be left to the discretion of the commanding officer, who knows local conditions," he said.

The opinion of those who oppose wives and husbands sharing billets is that in peace-time soldiers regard the barracks as their home, and the fact that under war conditions they must live in billets should not alter this view of army life.

Syrian de Gaulists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 9 (UP).—It was revealed by the Secretary for War Captain Margesson, that over 1,200 Vichy troops in Syria joined General de Gaulle's forces.

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LORD MOYNE'S TRIBUTE TO SOVIET RESISTANCE

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords Lord Moyne made a statement similar to that of Mr Churchill.

Referring to Russia he said: "Little was known in peace-time about the war machine of Soviet Russia but all the world must now be amazed at their resolution in defence and determination in counter-attack which show not only brilliant leadership in control of such vast armies but unsurpassed military qualities of the Russian people (Cheers).

"Goebbels shows poor appreciation of German intelligence when he now announces that operations are proceeding according to plan. The German spearheads have been burned up in the ferocity of resistance of irregular bands."

Moyne went on, "I cannot discuss future plans but some of the advice given us would not in any way help Russia in her struggle. The scorched earth policy and the prospect of a Russian winter are likely to be as effective to-day as they were against Napoleon in 1812. The conditions are not unlike what followed the battle of Trafalgar. We then took advantage of British sea power to hit where the enemy were least able to retaliate. To-day we are substituting the Mid-Atlantic for the English Channel. We have turned it into Hitler's ulcer by means of sea power and American munitions, we hope it will be developed into a mortal wound."

American Specialists On Burma Road

SINGAPORE, Sept. 9 (Central News).—To supervise and advise on the delivery and operation of "thousands upon thousands" of trucks being handed to China under the Lend-Lease Act, Mr David Ladin arrived here to-day by Clipper en route to Burma.

Mr Ladin, who is accompanied by a body of specialists, said that General Motors is supplying China with large quantities of trucks specially built to cope with conditions on the Burma Road.

Mr W. J. Keswick As Duff Cooper Deputy

SINGAPORE, Sept. 9 (Reuter).—Mr W. J. Keswick, formerly Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who arrived with Mr Duff Cooper, is, "Reuter" learns, Mr Duff Cooper's deputy.

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